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BIDEN, DEMOCRATS RAISE $71 M FOR POLLS

US President Joe Biden and the Democratic National Committee raised over $71 million for his reelection in the three months ending September 30, a strong indication that donors remain united behind him going into a 2024 race. The announcement comes after the Biden campaign reported raising over $72 million between his official campaign announcement on April 25 and the end of the second quarter on June 30.

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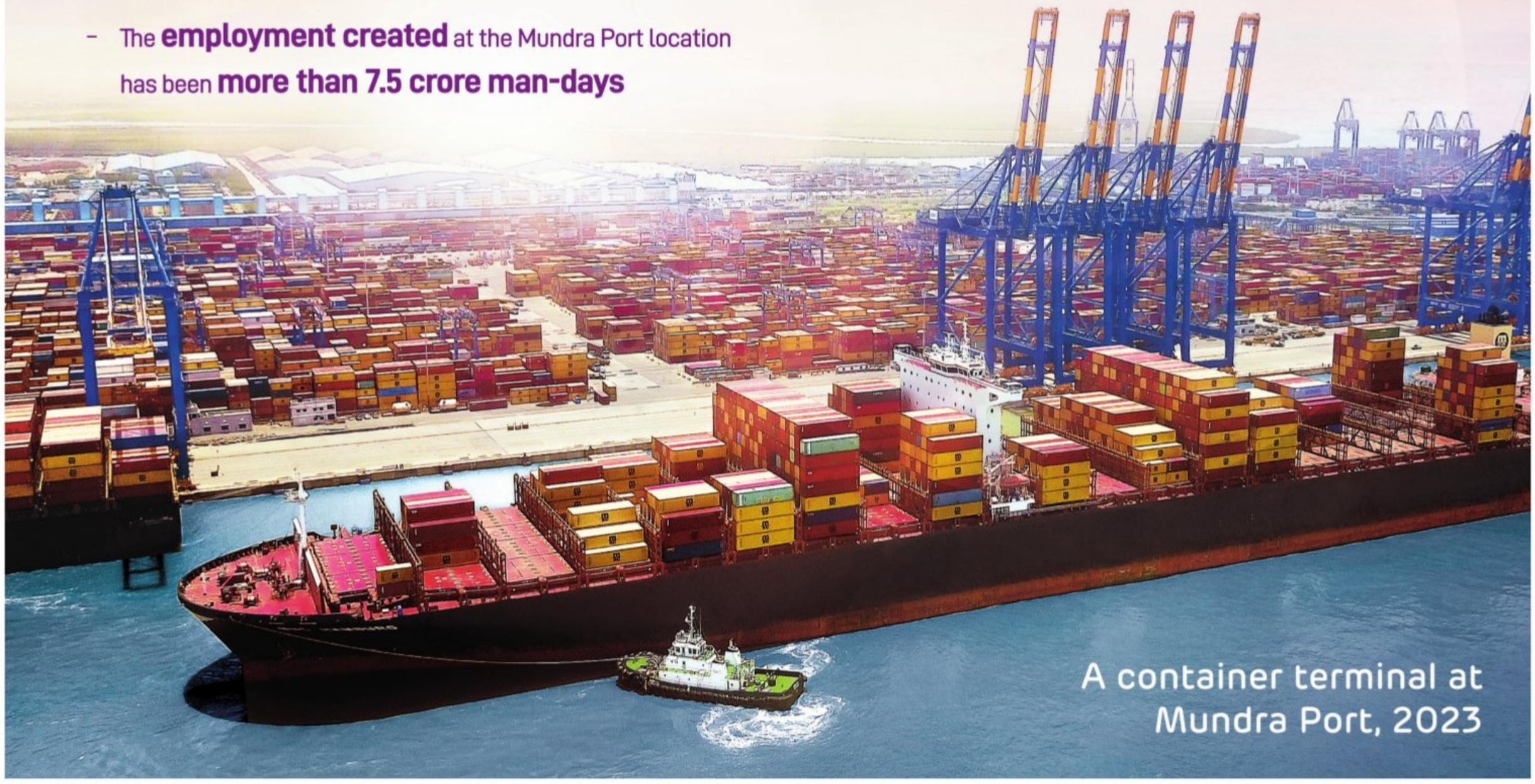

A container terminal at Mundra Port, 2023

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AFGHANISTAN SPIN A WEB AROUND ENGLAND

2019 champs slump to 69-run defeat, face prospect of finishing outside top four. A look...

AFGHANISTAN'S SECOND WC WIN

On a pitch assisting spin, Asian side pick up only their second ever 50-over World Cup win. Most of the damage was done by the spin troika of Nabi, Rashid and Mujeeb, whose combined figures read 8/104 in 25.3 overs

1 in 17 COMING INTO THE GAME, AFGHANISTAN HAD PICKED ONE WIN IN THEIR PREVIOUS 17 50-OVER WORLD CUP MATCHES

GURBAZ SETS TEMPO

Mercurial opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz did most of the early work as his rapid 80 off 57 set them on their way to the total of 284. Keeper Ikram Alikhil provided middle-order support with 58

Brief scores: Afghanistan 284 (Gurbaz 80, Ikram 58; Rashid 3/42, Wood 2/50) **bt** England 215 in 40.3 ovs (Brook 66, Mujeeb 3/51, Nabi 2/16, Rashid 3/37)

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NADA HABBA BEGINS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, music director Hamsalekha and others offer prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills after inaugurating Dasara festivities in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Gaza situation catastrophic: UN

Netanyahu holds emergency cabinet meeting; no timeframe given on ground assault yet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AHEAD of an imminent ground assault on Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday convened the first meeting of the emergency cabinet. "If Hamas thought we would fall apart, then no: We will tear Hamas apart," he said. The Israeli troops are waiting at the border for the green signal to march to Gaza City, from where hundreds of thousands have fled to southern Gaza Strip.

Describing the situation in Gaza Strip as 'catastrophic', the United Nations Relief and Works Agency working for Palestinian refugees said there is acute shortage of food, water, and medicines for children, pregnant women and elderly in the UN shelters.

According to reports, hospitals in Gaza are packed with wounded people and are running low on fuel and other basic supplies. Meanwhile, Israel on Sunday reiterated its demand that those in northern Gaza must move to the southern part. It is also planning to resume water supply to southern Gaza.

Palestinians queue up for bread in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza, on Sunday | AFP

"This will push the civilian population to the southern (part of the) Strip," said Israel's Energy Minister Israel Katz. The move comes a week after Israel had stopped supplying water to the entire territory as part of a "complete siege" imposed on the Palestinian enclave.

On Sunday, Iran and China slammed Israel for escalating the conflict, which has claimed at least 3,600 lives so far.

SpiceJet on Sunday brought in 320 Indian passengers from Israel under Operation Ajay. The airline will operate another flight from Tel Aviv to Delhi on Monday morning. P11

Cong releases first list of candidates for MP, Chhattisgarh and Telangana

ANURAAG SINGH, EJAZ KAISER & B KARTHEEK
@ Bhopal/Raipur/Hyderabad

THE Congress on Sunday released its first list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh.

Unrest brewed within the party ranks in Madhya Pradesh after it named candidates for 144 of the state's 230 seats where it is eyeing to wrest power from the BJP. The list included 69 out of the party's 96 sitting MLAs. Nineteen former ministers from the previous Congress regime, including former CM Kamal Nath are on the list. The party has denied tickets to at least five sitting MLAs, including ex-union minister Kantilal Bhuria, Shivdayal Bagri, Bramha Bhalawi, and former Vidhan Sabha speaker N P Prajapati. At least five former BJP leaders will fight on the Congress ticket. They are former Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist Baijnath Yadav, Rao Yadvendra Singh Yadav, ex-MP Bodh Singh Bhagat, Avdhesh Nayak, and Neeraj Sharma. Protests and resignations by party workers and leaders, who were unhappy with the candidate selection, were reported from many places in the state.

BJP poll panel meeting cancelled

A meeting of the BJP Central Election Committee, which was to be held on Sunday to shortlist candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in five states, did not take place

In neighbouring Chhattisgarh, the party released its initial list of 30 candidates to the 90-member House. It retained the entire cabinet team of CM Bhupesh Baghel.

In Telangana, the party released the list of candidates for 55 out of 119 seats. The list had names of TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy, CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and MPs N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy.

EXPRESS READ

Former CEC MS Gill passes away at 86

New Delhi: Former chief election commissioner (CEC) Manohar Singh Gill died at a Delhi hospital on Sunday after brief illness, according to sources. He was 86. Gill will be cremated here on Monday. He served as the Chief Election Commissioner between December 1996 and June 2001.

Lankan navy arrests 27 Rameswaram fishermen

Colombo: Twenty-seven Indian fishermen were arrested for allegedly poaching in Sri Lanka's territorial waters, the island nation's Navy said on Sunday. The fishermen were arrested off the coast of Mannar in the northeast and Delft and Kachchativu islets in the north on Saturday.

₹40 cr seized in raid on another contractor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CLOSE on the heels of unearthing Rs 42 crore at the residence of Ambikapathy R, the vice-president of the Karnataka State Contractors' Association, sleuths of the Income Tax (I-T) Department seized Rs 40 crore from an apartment of another contractor in the city on Saturday.

The sleuths, who have been conducting raids on realtors, jewellers and contractors for tax evasion for the past few days, searched the apartment of Santosh, the contractor, at Kyathamaranahalli in Rajajinagar at night.

The sleuths found currencies in the denomination of Rs 500 amounting to Rs 40 crore in trunks, suitcases and bags.

The contractor, when quizzed about the source of money, claimed that part of the cash belongs to a former MLC of the Congress party. The former MLC's brother was summoned to the apartment and questioned, according to sources. P6

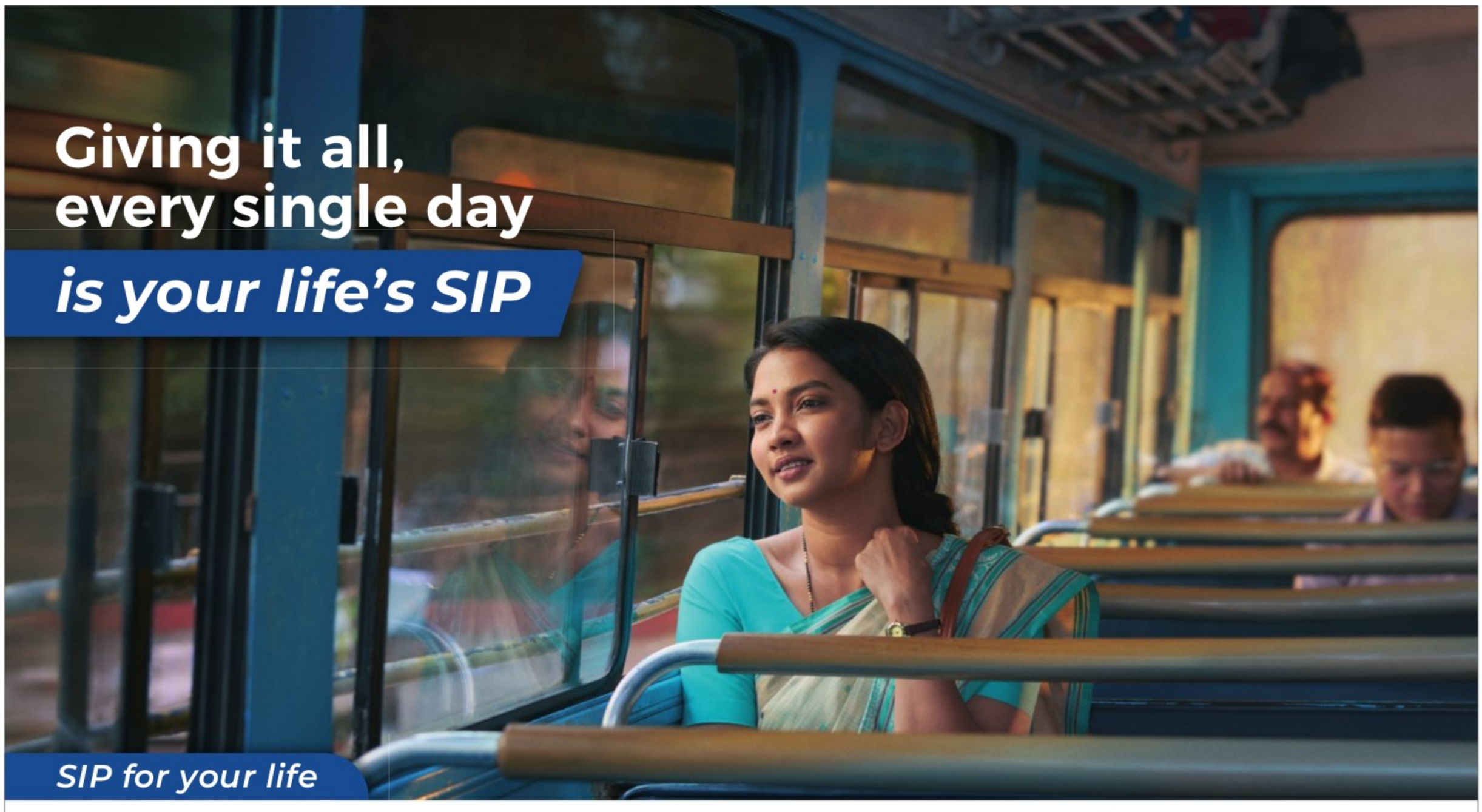
Fight over TV remote leads to boy's death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chitradurga

A fight over a TV remote resulted in the death of a 16-year-old boy when his father hurled a scissors at him at Molakalmuru town in Chitradurga district on Saturday.

The scissors pierced the boy's throat and he bled to death. The deceased has been identified as Chandrashekhar, the elder son of Lakshman Babu.

It is said that Chandrashekhar and his brother Pawan Kumar, 14, were fighting for the remote to watch a TV show. CONTINUED ON: P7



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Nakshatra: Swathi 7.17 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness.

Sunrise 6.10 am
Sunset 6.00 pm
Moonrise 7.17 am
Moonset 7.06 pm

Dasara dolls will have a set of 'founding mothers' of Constitution

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

TO help improve the participation of youth in politics and policy making, a group in Bengaluru is exploring creative ways of educating young citizens about the Constitution and its values. The Reclaim Constitution project will be displaying Dasara dolls in various parts of the city, and will highlight the contributions of founding mothers – 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly, who debated and drafted the Constitution of India.

The set includes Sarojini Naidu, Ammu Swaminathan, Dakshayani Velayudhan Begum Aizaz Rasul, Durgabai Deshmukh,Hansa Mehta, Kamla Chaudhary, Leela Roy, Malati Choudhury, Purnima Banerjee, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Renuka Ray, Sucheta Kriplani, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and Annie Mascarene with Ambedkar and the Constitution

Vinay Kumar, founder of Reclaim Constitution, told The New Indian Express, "Despite the country's median age being 26 years, we see a lack of interest in politics and poor participation from the youth. A large percentage of people in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is from age groups above 50 years. Through creative initiatives such as these, I want the youth to realise that we have a responsibility towards the country."

He added that people from ordinary walks of life came together to write the Constitutional book, and they should be celebrated too.

The idea is also to make Dasara a community event and not just based out of individual homes. The initiative will promote diversity in Karnataka and the nation.

"Not just religious figures, we also have statuettes of Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhash Chandra Bose. Dolls representing Buddism, Jainism, Christianity and Hinduism will also be on display," Kumar said. Citizens can also participate and put the dolls on display in their societies and committees, which can be availed from the Reclaim Constitution website.

The 15-woman doll set includes Sarojini Naidu, Ammu Swaminathan, Dakshayani Velayudhan, Begum Aizaz Rasul, Durgabai Deshmukh, Hansa Mehta, Kamla Chaudhary, Leela Roy, Malati Choudhury, Purnima Banerjee, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Renuka Ray, Sucheta Kriplani, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and Annie Mascarene, along with a statue of Ambedkar and the Constitution of India.

Kumar informed that the Constitution dolls will be a travelling exhibit for the next year, to commemorate the 75th year of the Constitution of India. The dolls will be on display for the public at Janapada Loka, Mysuru Road, for a month and in colleges and exhibition centres around the city.

The 15-women doll set took over 20 days to makes. Artists from Chitrakala Parishad, Nanda Girish, Girish S, Raju and Fastin Pedros are actively part of the project.

BMTC ADOPTS

Double-decker buses under GCC model

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

AS the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model is cheaper than going for direct procurement, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) which was earlier planning to buy ten double-decker buses, has now decided to adopt GCC model to operate double-decker electric buses.

BMTC MD Sathyavathi said that they took the decision to go for the GCC model in operating the double-decker buses, as procuring them directly will be a huge financial burden on the cash-strapped bus corporation.

Under the GCC model, BMTC will only have to provide a conductor. The entire operations, maintenance, and drivers will be provided by a private party, and a fixed operation cost is paid to the private supplier on a kilometre basis.

Officials from the bus corporation revealed that there were multiple attempts to bring back double-decker buses in Bengaluru and tenders were floated for the purchase of ten buses, and Switch Mobility the Electric Vehicle arm of Ashok Leyland, who were the lone bidders had quoted Rs 10 crore to supply five buses.

However, the tender was scrapped after the Congress government took charge, citing that the bidder has quoted a high price. The BMTC was gearing up to invite fresh tender in September, but now, wants to go for operations under the GCC model.

'Districts no dumping yard for city waste'

'Brand Bengaluru' cannot be built on graves of people from neighbouring dists, says HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ BENGALURU

FORMER chief minister and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy attacked on the ruling Congress government especially his bete noire DK Shivakumar, and warned the DyCM that the latter's 'conspiracy' to transform the city's neighbourhood into a dumping yard for the garbage generated in Bengaluru will never be allowed.

Issuing a statement, the JD(S) leader expressed strong opposition to the dumping of garbage at yards to be set up in districts in the neighbourhood of Bengaluru, like Ramanagar and other districts. "We strongly oppose building the 'Brand Bengaluru' on the graves of people from neighboring districts. If the government does not abandon this decision, people will take to the streets," he warned.

He made a serious allegation that the perpetrators involved in raising the 'percentage' of commission have conspired to grab in these districts in the name of 'Brand Bengaluru' to set up dumping yards.

He expressed concern for the people living in these districts, as about 1,630 tons of garbage from the city will be dumped on a daily base. People of Mandur, Yeshwantpur and Doddaballapur are already facing problems due to garbage dumping yards and now the government is trying to set up the 'death mounds' in Ramanagara.

Kumaraswamy complained that this is a gross injustice, and an evil strategy to harm the already bad environment. The neighbouring districts have been home to farmers engaged in dairy farming, horticulture and vegetable crops, he said. Kumaraswamy is a legislator reprsenting Channapatna constituency and his wife held the Ramanagar, between 2013-2018, but Nikhil Kumarswamy lost the seat in the assembly polls.

DKS over reacting

On IT raid on the contractors, Kumaraswamy reiterated that DK Shivakumar is 'over reacting' to the former's statements on the issue out of frustration. He said, "DK Shivakumar's statement that 'Kumaraswamy is not even a representative of the Income Tax Department' is nothing more than his frustration." Did I mention that the money seized in the contractor's house belonged to him? I have a suspicion that he is afraid of going to Tihar Jail," he alleged. Kumarswamy said that he merely wants to know the truth about whose money it was, from CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar, as "they came to power fighting on the issue of 40 per cent commission during the BJP government."

Rudra cuts through 40-yr-old pile of waste

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

TUNNEL Boring Machine (TBM) 'Rudra' is set to hang up its boots within a fortnight. Its last journey, running to over 2km, deserves to be told as it encountered an unprecedented hurdle no machine in India or possibly the world, has experienced -- a massive garbage mound of waste dating back to over four decades.

One of the nine TBMs deployed to build the underground corridor (Nagawara-Kalena Agrahara line) for Phase-II, Rudra got stuck almost a year ago between Dairy Circle and Lakkasandra Stations at a depth of 15 metres underground. An entanglement of medical waste, animal fossils, implant wastes, tyres, confectionery and tobacco covers dating back to the 1980s, figured in the dumpyard.

When Rudra emerges at Langford Town Metro Station after tunnelling for 5.34km from Dairy Circle to Vellara shaft, it will mark the culmination of a remarkable and emotional journey for the entire team of Afcons Infrastructure Limited, contracted by BMRCL with the tunnelling job here. This will end their tunnelling as its other two TBMs, Vamika and Varada, did their work unhindered by major issues.

Detailed investigation by the Afcons team revealed that an ancient, forgotten quarry existed there, invisible to all.

D Murugadasan, vice-president, Afcons, told TNIE, "We realised that unless a robust solution could be found, this could prove to be the end of the project. After detailed investigations and brainstorming and taking into confidence the owners of granite shops here, we began probe drilling with additional soil investigation to assess the extent of the quarry. We trained our focus solely on ensuring stability of the tunnel tube during the operational stage, without disturbing the existing structures on top."

TBMs' TRICKY PATH

TBM Rudra achieved an average productivity of 120 running metre per month, with a peak productivity of 200 running metre per month

RUDRA STATS

2081m	Travel distance
03	Breakthroughs
1486	Segments
122	Cutter head interventions

The Afcons team then constructed a curtain Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) wall which was anchored to the bottom rock at a depth of 18 metres from the ground level with special piling methodology, he said. "We carefully replaced the garbage with lean concrete on the dodgy tunnel alignment. The curtain wall acted as a protective barrier for the tunnel tube during construction and also during operational stages."

He lauded BMRCL and Afcons engineers for pulling off this tricky task. Among other challenges were the three-layer traffic at Diary Circle Junction, where it drilled below a flyover, a road and an underpass.

The Aala Masjid was also quite close to the spot where Rudra got trapped, during Ramzan. "The team acted pre-emptively to ensure the mosque area was fortified in advance. Umbrella grouting was done to stabilise the foundation of the structure and ensure a smooth run for Rudra."

DOLL HOUSE

People purchase dolls of mythological characters as part of the Dasara celebrations, in Malleswaram, Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Silver Talkies' network for people over 55 promotes healthy ageing

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

IN the age of social media, youngsters often forget that their parents or grandparents are ageing, and that they feel increasingly isolated and lonely. A duo from Bengaluru have been helping people aged above 55 years, to reconnect with peers, and promote healthy ageing through fun, heartwarming activities.

Reshmi Chakraborty and Nidhi Chawla are the co-founders Silver Talkies, a tech-enabled community and engagement platform built exclusively for those above 55 years old. This platform helps keep them busy, active and happy. An all-women-led team, the community organises online workshops, meet ups and classes, exclusively for older adults. The idea is to help elders connect better, and promote an environment for awareness and empowerment.

The founders thought of starting the community when they saw their fathers, who were quite active and social in their careers, being alone and disinterested in things post retirement. The two women tried looking for activities that would help their parents pursue their lost passion, but nothing helped. Reshmi and Nidhi then decided to build a platform which acts as a form of social media for seniors in more than 15 cities, including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune and Delhi.

"Exclusivity and inclusivity are two sides of the same coin that can have a positive impact on the lives of older adults. Being a part of an exclusive community of like-minded peers, can help them thrive, and continue to be lifelong learners in an supportive environment. On the other hand, being accepted and understood by the younger generation, can boost their energy levels and broaden their horizons," said Nidhi.

Individuals who have entered their retirement age can make multi-city friendships, share their skills with others, discover new hobbies and build a network that understands them. The platform offers different activities such as arts and crafts, theatre, music, dance, fitness, travel, literature, poetry, spirituality and wellness.

Statistics show that the number of people above 60 will increase from 149 million to 347 million by 2050. Platforms like this will help address the taboo around ageing.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16TH October : Mercury, symbol of wit and wisdom, is still in a lively zone. Given that Mercury is also the symbol of bright ideas, then I'd say this is a favourable moment for all curious and inventive people. And if you think you've never had a bright idea in your life, now is the time to begin.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon is already creating problems and challenges in your domestic life, but nothing you can't handle. Try to see partners' criticisms as well-intentioned and glean what you can from their helpful comments. After all, there is a great deal of sense in their wise words.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It is difficult to escape the fact that this is a period for hard work. Lazy Taureans might therefore run into problems, whereas those of you who have a highly-developed work ethic should do just fine. But you may hold certain information to yourself. You're still keeping your secrets – and why shouldn't you?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Every now and then the planets give you an enormous shot of energy. However, it's entirely up to you whether you use this constructively or destructively. It's important to act with maturity and self-restraint over the coming days: you'll gain respect from your friends if you do.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Venus is in a brilliant relationship with Jupiter, one which is sure to minimise personal friction. Dreams of distant places or foreign romance may be sufficient to distract you from the rigours of family life. Yet, there's still something missing, something you're still striving for.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's not like a Leo to chop and change, but it does seem that events may oblige you to alter a number of deeply-held opinions. In such circumstances, flexibility can only be seen as a major virtue. If you make allowances for partners now, they'll do the same for you later on.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
As a Virgo you know better than anyone how important it is to organise your affairs and have all your dates sorted out in advance. Yet, in a week like this, the stars are likely to have different ideas, throwing all your best plans into the melting-pot.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You frequently appear to be very self-contained and happy with your own company. However, appearances are deceptive and there does seem to be a strong likelihood that you will put yourself at someone else's mercy over the next few days. The question is, why? Only you can say!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
True, you are able to see the underlying truth of any situation better than most people, but that doesn't make it easier for you to settle disputes. Your tendency to get emotionally involved makes you a poor diplomat at the moment, so you may have to leave other people to battle it out!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may still feel hard done by, but you have waited too long and worked too hard not to accept an opportunity or invitation. Especially one which will lead to promotion, or increased status in your community - or to romantic bliss. You may have to take a leap into the dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Professional Capricorns may have a more intense period than those of you with purely personal schemes and ambitions to pursue. Partners' generosity, or lack of it, still holds the key. You could need to wait while they make up their minds, so be patient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are an impressionable person, often believing what you are told. The message of the next few days' worth of planetary aspects, is that you should believe only what you know to be right for you. Perhaps it's fine to be a little selfish for a change.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
In spite of the fact that stressful stars are raising the possibility of a conflict or two, you are in an ideal position to sidestep such personal battles and appreciate excellent possibilities for excitement and drama. You see, what at first appears to be difficult can be turned to your advantage.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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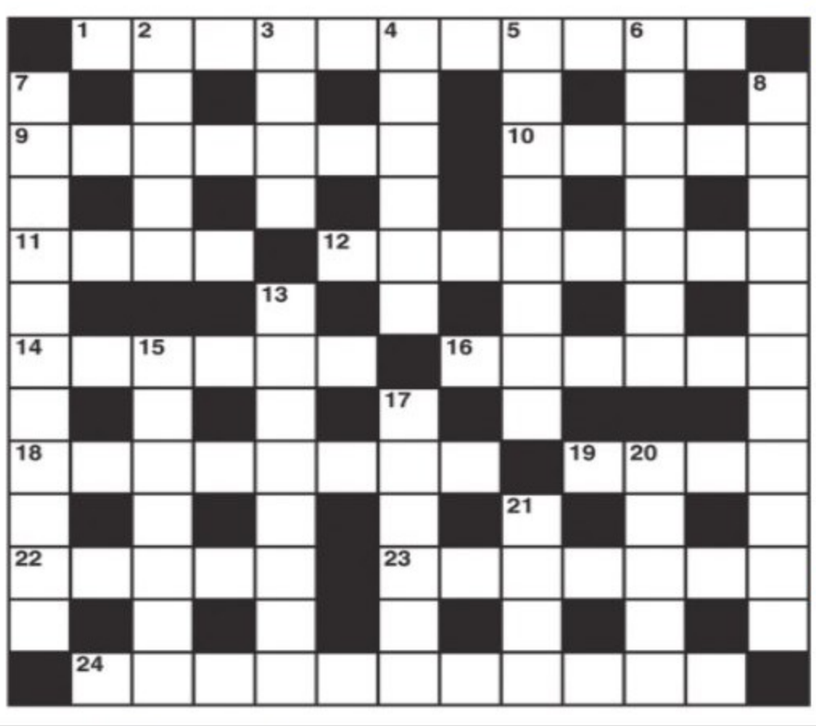

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 He shouldn't leave any wrong impressions (11)
9 He's clear about fish (7)
10 It's erect whichever way you look at it (3,2)
11 The permit is to reside in Virginia (4)
12 He has a telling part in play (8)
14 Gather the woman's hellish (6)
16 She and men get involved and become engaged (6)
18 Negligent woman coming second in extremities (8)
19 It changes me in appearance (4)
22 Wakes all awry (5)
23 Prohibited sort of beard (7)
24 Will the orator be speechless if he loses it? (7,4)

DOWN
2 People's pursuits (5)
3 Certainly nothing to chatter about (4)
4 Picture again what could be exceptional reward (6)
5 Dad's backing mother for example - that's obvious (8)
6 Fit style (7)
7 Commanding location seen in new garden visit (7,4)
8 Understood to be arrested (11)
13 The most admirable debtor is one who gives (8)
15 Gratefully acknowledged (7)
17 Skilled trades in building boats (6)
20 How pointless to follow a girl in a state (5)
21 Food for a young insect (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Astray, 4 Big wheel, 9 Austin, 10 Asterisk, 12 Buck, 13 Meant, 14 Chin, 17 Desert island, 20 Relief worker, 23 Lied, 24 Scale, 25 Frau, 28 Slacking, 29 Senior, 30 Satiated, 31 Cachou.

Down: 1 Adam Bede, 2 Test case, 3 Arid, 5 In single file, 6 When, 7 Elisha, 8 Liking, 11 Reminiscence, 15 Tried, 16 Annoy, 18 Skirmish, 19 Frou-frou, 21 Gasps, 22 Pedant, 26 Skua, 27 Vera.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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SORHDU

I was told I need to write a paper on jokes to get back into the library. It's a blast!
I'd love that assignment!
8/18
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MANLY GRIME ORIOLE EXODUS
Answer: He got in trouble for telling a joke in the library after not — READING THE ROOM

Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa said a series of discussions are being held with the governments of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh states to procure rice and provide the same to the beneficiaries under the state government's flagship Anna Bhagya scheme

'K'taka short of 16,500 medical personnel'

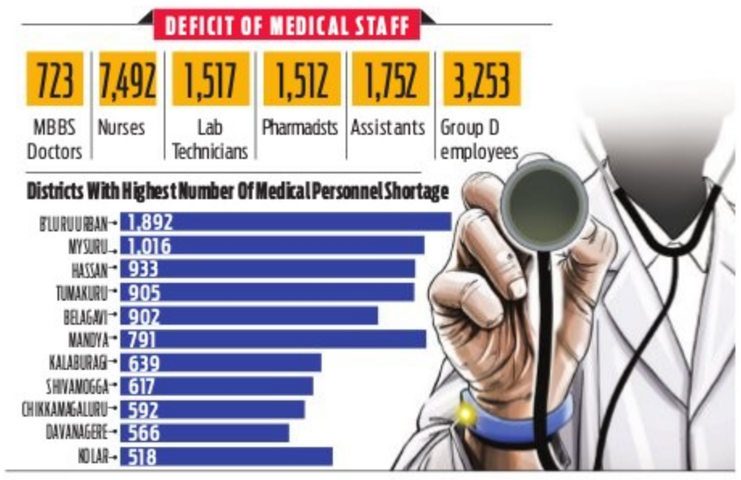
Report also shows shortfall of 454 PHCs in state, says rural areas need better facilities

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE uneven distribution of medical staff and primary health centres (PHC) has resulted in a deficit of medical professionals across 30 districts in Karnataka. The state suffers from a shortfall of around 16,500 employees, a recently released report stated.

Bengaluru Urban, Belagavi, Mysuru, Tumakuru, Hassan and Mandya contribute to 39.1 per cent of the nursing personnel shortage. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) report released in September 2023, which stressed on the need to address it, is a joint initiative with the state government. It provided 260 suggestions across sectors like healthcare, agriculture, mining, tourism, education, rural and urban development to accelerate growth in alignment with the state's $1 trillion economy mission.

Along with medical personnel, the report highlighted a shortage of PHCs across Karnataka with 454 centres (245 urban and 209 rural centres) in deficit. The report noted that while there is medical infrastructure available in urban areas, rural areas continue to face shortage and need better access to primary, secondary and tertiary facilities. Additionally, 1,60,000 beds may be required to provide health cover under the Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM).



> The recruited medical personnel often end up working for longer hours due to staff shortage affecting their mental health and quality of work
> — Dr BL Sujatha Rathod, Director, Medical Education

Dr BL Sujatha Rathod, Director, Medical Education, explained that most institutions only end up recruiting for minimum sanctioned posts according to the National Medical Council's (NMC) standards. However, positions remain vacant, as the ones required to cater to the added patient load are not sanctioned. "The recruited medical personnel often end up working for longer hours due to staff shortage affecting their mental health and quality of work," Rathod said.

In many rural districts, citizens continue to travel long distances to access basic healthcare needs. The FICCI report recommended setting up of 500-bed multidisciplinary hospitals which will also attract medical personnel to work in small towns instead of migrating to big cities.

The state must focus on achieving universal health coverage, creating a preventive healthcare system, address the medical staff deficit, build adequate infrastructure and ensure proper execution of all initiatives, experts have suggested. Rathod also recommended that multiple gaps in the healthcare system need to be filled and increased budget allocation can be utilised in human resources and improving medical infrastructure with latest technology.

AT YOUR RISK

Even though the BBMP has claimed to have filled up potholes in the city, a huge crater is found on a busy throughfare near the BMTC and KSRTC terminal in Majestic, Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Bank told to freeze funds of resident welfare assn

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru:

In a move that could serve as a warning to countless associations in the city, the Registrar of Societies recently issued orders to a bank to freeze the accounts of an association of a four-storeyed residential apartment complex, for not registering under the correct Act and for indulging in financial irregularities. This is the first time there was a move to stop money flow of a residential welfare association.

The order, dated October 6, was issued by the Registrar for the Whistling Woods Welfare Association, which manages the 76-unit Whistling Woods apartment at Naganahalli (off Doddaballapur Road) in North Bengaluru. The association managed to get the freeze imposed on its HDFC Bank account at Rajanakunte branch lifted a week later.

The order was passed thanks to a resident, 73-year-old RR Hegde, who visited the Deputy Registrar's office 14 times to ensure the order came through. Hegde told TNIE, "The builder has not yet completed works totalling Rs 2.42 crore, with provision for drinking water supply and solar systems not done. They still managed to get the Occupancy Certificate from BBMP."

Associations around the city have registered under the wrong body and keep collecting maintenance charges and that is illegal, he added. "Of the Rs 44 lakh corpus fund, they have misused Rs 26 lakh," Hegde charged.

Dhananjaya Padamanabhachar, general secretary, Karnataka Homebuyers' Forum, recalled a high court response to a writ petition (November 6, 2019) directing all apartment associations not to register themselves under the Karnataka State Registration Act. Following the court directive, the Department of Cooperative Societies asked apartments to register themselves under it.

"The association members of Whistling Woods met the Registrar on Friday and promised to register themselves as a cooperative society. They also requested for the freeze to be lifted as they need to pay many staffers carrying out security and housekeeping duties, and it was done," he added.

DEPRESSION

25-year-old man jumps before water tanker, dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 25-year-old man died by suicide in Suddaguntepalya police station limits on Saturday. The deceased, Nawal Pandit, was working as a labourer in the manufacturing section of a milk federation. He had reportedly quit his job two months ago and had taken a loan from someone from his native place, Bihar. Nawal had been residing at a paying guest accommodation in Venkateshwara Layout with his friend Kishorilal Pandit.

On Thursday evening, Nawal attempted suicide by consuming poison. Kishorilal, immediately rushed Nawal to a hospital in Girinagar after he noticed him suffering from continuous dizziness, police said. After treatment, the police summoned him for an enquiry on Saturday.

Nawal confessed the reason as extreme depression due to multiple reasons, including his inability to pay back the loan, the police said. After interrogation, around 6 pm, Nawal along with Kishorilal and two other friends were waiting outside SG Palya police station to take an auto. Nawal then jumped in front of a water tanker and died on the spot, the police said. A case of unnatural death is registered with SG Palya police station.

FIVE KILLED IN FOUR ROAD ACCIDENTS

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FIVE people died in four road accidents from overspeeding and rash driving in less than 24 hours in the city. On Sunday, two students died when two two-wheelers collided in Hennur traffic police station limits.

The deceased are Neelam Yakum (21) and Anka Babu (24), a BSc student hailing from Andhra Pradesh. Yakum was riding pillion with her friend Abhishek Ganguly (23). Natives of West Bengal, both were pursuing training in hotel management at a luxury hotel and were on their way to Yakum's paying guest accommodation.

Police said they were going towards Hedge Nagar from Haj Bhavan road around 12.30 am when Anka Babu, who was on another bike, reportedly hit his bike into Abhishek's bike when the latter was taking a U-turn. All three fell and Neelam died on the spot while Anka Babu, who was not wearing a helmet, succumbed to injuries while he was under treatment. Abhishek sustained minor injuries in the incident. In another incident, a 16-year-old first PU student, identified as Jay Surya, died after he hit his two-wheeler onto a parked vehicle in Chickpet traffic police station limits, around 9.30 pm on Saturday. Surya was reportedly rash riding and sustained head injuries as he was not wearing a helmet. He died while he was under treatment, the police said.

In Jalahalli traffic police station limits, Manjunath (40), a mechanic and resident of Anekal, died after he hit his bike to an electric pole on the Hesaraghatta main road, around 5.30 pm on Saturday. Manjunath, who was not wearing a helmet, had gone to visit his relatives in Hesaraghatta and was on his way to pick his wife, who was returning from Tumakuru, the police said.

A 35-year-old man died when a car hit his bike in Electronic City traffic police station limits. The deceased, Raju, a resident of Bommanahalli hailing from Bihar, was a painter, while Ravi Shankar (29), who was riding pillion, sustained injuries in the incident. They were going towards Naganathapura Junction from Kudlu Gate when a car hit their bike and sped away. The police have verified the car registration number and are on the hunt to nab the driver.

CRIME PATROL

Body found in under-construction site

Bengaluru : An unidentified body of a man was found under a heap of sand at an under-construction site in Kurubarahalli near Mahalakshmi Layout on Sunday afternoon. People alerted the police after foul smell started emanating from the area. A mat and a bedsheet was also found at the scene, police said. The deceased might have been sleeping in a lorry in which sand was brought. There were no external injuries on the body. The body has been sent for autopsy. A case has been registered at Mahalakshmi Layout police station. **ENS**

Man missing for five days found dead

Bengaluru: A 28-year-old man, who had been missing for five days, was found dead in Sampigehalli police station limits. The body was in a partially decomposed condition, wrapped in a bedsheet and dumped in a pit on an empty plot in 3rd cross road of Kogilu Layout. The deceased, Shakeel Akhtar Saifi, a native of Bihar, had been working as a carpenter in the city. He was residing next to the plot where his body was found. Saifi had been missing since Tuesday night and the police were making efforts to trace him after his brother filed a complaint on Thrusday. Saifi's brother confirmed that the body found in the pit is of Saifi, the police added. "The body was found in a pit at a vacant plot belonging to one, Martin, a real-estate agent. It is suspected that someone murdered Saifi elsewhere and dumped the body at that vacant plot," the police said, adding that they are suspecting the role of known persons. **ENS**

Smoking areas not a safe zone, tobacco institute seeks ban

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

DESIGNATED smoking areas do not provide a 100 per cent smoke-free environment, which was the sole reason behind this concept, according to the Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC). The institute pointed out that the secondhand smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals, including cancer-inducing ones. Giving first priority to health, the Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) have insisted on a ban on Designated Smoking Areas (DSA) and rescuing innocent people from the harmful effects of passive smoking.

It may be noted that the Bengaluru city police are cracking down on DSAs following rampant complaints that they are not complying with the norms prescribed under Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) and had booked cases for the same.

Sejal Saraf, Senior Research Program Coordinator, Institute for Global Tobacco Control, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, said, "The existing rules under the COTPA permits DSAs within venues like hotels and restaurants with 30 or more seats/rooms. However, among the venues across the country and in Bengaluru that have a DSA, there is generally limited compliance with the design standards, signage, and service restrictions outlined under the act. Restricting smoking to DSAs does not provide adequate protection from dangerous tobacco smoke. DSAs allow people to be exposed to harmful secondhand smoke."

Sejal insisted that DSAs should be eliminated making way for a 100 per cent smoke-free environment.

A ban on DSAs aligns with the principles of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which calls on countries to take measures to protect people from tobacco smoke.

Many countries worldwide have already recognized the importance of prohibiting smoking in designated areas to safeguard public health, and India should follow suit, she said.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The APTRANSCO invites bids online for 1) Spec.No.PMM11-e-42/2023 (10 Nos.tenders from 'A' to 'J'): Supply of various Testing/scientific equipment required to monitor the sub-station equipment under Operation and Maintenance (O&M) 2023-24, 2) Spec.No.PMM 12-e-43/2023: Supply of 132kV Metering Current Transformers, of ratio:200/1A, Single Core, 0.2S, Burden-5VA. **Date & Time of availability of above tenders is 16.10.2023 at 5:00 PM.**, Website: **tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** Contact No.CE/Transmission : **0866-22429230.**

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, TRANSMISSION

DIPR No.2406PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt:13.10.2023

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Open tender is invited through Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) for **"Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of Indoor & Outdoor Signaling work including Alteration in existing Electronic Interlocking (EI) at Majorda station of Konkan Railway in connection with development of Majorda Station Yard incidental to RVNL Doubling work in Tinaighat - Vasco section."** (**Tender No. KR-KAWR-SG-ET-2023-09 Date:16/10/2023). Cost of work:** ₹ 2,84,47,292/- (including GST). **Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid: 06/11/2023 up to 15:30 hrs.** For further details please visit: **www.ireps.gov.in** Place: Office of Sr. Regional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Shirwad, Karwar-581306 (Karnataka State).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients MR. N.NARASIMHAIAH and MR. N.VIJAY, both sons of Late. Nanjappa, both are residing at No.325, Sridhama, 5th Main, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North - 560072, are the absolute owners in possession of the below mentioned Schedule Properties It is now represented by my clients Mr. N.Narasimhaiah and Mr. N.Vijay that the Originals of the **Sale deeds (i) dated 12/04/2004**, registered on 13/04/2004 as **Document No. KEN-1-01295-2004-05**, stored in CD No.KEND52, **(ii) dated 12/04/2004**, registered on 13/04/2004 as **document No. KEN-1-01298-2004-05,** stored in CD No. KEND52, **(iii) dated 22/06/2006,** registered as **Document No. KEN-1-10803-2006-07**, stored in CD No.KEND301, and **(iv) dated 22/06/2006**, registered as **Document No.KEN-1-10807-2006-07**, stored in CD No.KEND301, all registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Kengeri, are either misplaced or lost between 10/07/2023 to 14/07/2023 while getting a photo copy of the same in a shop near to Schedule Properties, and they are unable to trace it out. In this regard my client Mr. N.Vijay has lodged a complaint under Section-155 of CrPC vide. **Lost Report No.0765149/2023** dated 13/10/2023. If any one finds the original Sale deeds dated 12/04/2004 and dated 22/06/2006, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to our aforesaid client or to the undersigned. Also, public are hereby cautioned that if any person/s were to deal with the said originals other than my clients Mr. N. Narasimhaiah and Mr. N.Vijay, such person/s will not derive any right and such transaction shall not bind my clients and he/she/they will be doing at his/her/their own risk and cost and will further be liable for legal consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1 : ALL THAT piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Sy.No. 101/1** (Old No.101) **measuring 02:00 (A/G)** out of 06:12 (A/G), situated at **Kenchanapura Village**, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, which is bounded on:

East by : Land in Sy No.104; West by : Remaining land in same survey number belonging to Sri. Ramaswamy and another; North by : Road; South by : Land in Sy No.100.

ITEM NO.2 : ALL THAT piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Sy.No. 101/1** (Old No.101) **measuring 01:07 (A/G)** out of 06:12 (A/G), situated at **Kenchanapura Village**, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, which is bounded on:

East by : Remaining land in same survey number belonging to Mutthamma; West by : Remaining land in same survey number; North by : Road; South by : Remaining land in same survey number belonging to Mutthamma.

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NO.PCB/242/SEO/MINES/EPH/2023-24/3851 DATE: 12.10.2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. B B Granites, has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Grey Granite project of capacity 3,000 Cum/Annumin a total n area of 5.30 Acres at Sy.No. 31/3 of Gowrala Village, Kuknoor Taluk, Koppal District, Karnataka. This project proposal falls under cluster effect as per Office Memorandum issued by MoEF&CC, GoI vide No. F. No. L-11011/175/2018-IA-II(M) dated:12.12.2018.

As Per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated:14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No.SEIAA 134 MIN 2023 dated:18.05.2023 issued by SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated: 12.07.2023 and Regional Officer, Koppal letter dated: 04.10.2023 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name & Address of the proposed Quarry : M/s. B B Granites, Sanjeev Nagar, Bus Stand Road, Kuknoor, Koppal District.
2. Location of the proposed Quarry Project : Sy. No. 31/3 of Gowrala Village, Kuknoor Taluk, Koppal District.
3. Details of proposed Project : Proposed to undertake Quarrying of Grey Granite of capacity 3,000 Cum/Annum in total land area of 5.30 Acres.
4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing. Date: 17.11.2023 (Friday) Time: 11:00 AM Place: Project site, M/s. B B Granites, Sy. No. 31/3 of Gowrala Village, Kuknoor Taluk, Koppal District.
5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal District, Koppal. (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal District, Koppal (d) Tahsildar Office, Kuknoor Taluk (e) Gram Panchayath Office, Gowrala Village, Kuknoor Taluk. (f) Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal. (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001. (h) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, **Koppal District, Koppal**). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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No:CEO/ADMN/ENG/e-Tenders/2152/2023-24 Dated 13.10.2023

E -TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Electronic Portal only)

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD., BENGALURU, invites item-wise rate tender (two cover system) from the eligible and reputed Registered Interior Decorators/Contractors, who have executed the same magnitude and nature of works in State/Central Govt./Commercial/Scheduled Banks. The details of interior works under e-Tender Notification can be downloaded at **www.tenderwizard.com/etenders**

Name of Work : Interior & Electrical Allied works at proposed Girinagara Branch Building.
Amount put to Tender **Rs.30,71,902.99 + 18% GST**, EMD Amount : **Rs.61,500/-.**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

1	Date and time for commencement of downloading of e-Tender	16.10.2023 at 11:30 AM onwards
2	Last date and time for online submission of e-Tender	02.11.2023 upto 5.30 PM.
3	Period of Completion	60 Days (Including Monsoon)
4	Opening of Technical Bid	03.11.2023 at 3.30 PM onwards
5	Opening of Commercial Bid	06.11.2023 at 3.30 PM onwards

For further details contact KEONICS - e-Procurement Help Desk: Ph: 080-40482100 / 9686196760 regarding e-Tender processing fees, Registration charges in website www.tenderwizard.com/etenders or Administration Section of KSC Apex Bank Ltd., Chamarajpet, Bengaluru during office hours.

Note: Bank has got all the rights to reject any or all the above tender bids at its discretion without giving any reasons.

Sd/-
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KSC Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

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Stating that the state government respects the beliefs of the people, District Minister H C Mahadevappa said it is seriously considering the Chamundi Hill Development Authority to promote religious, rational, and tourism development in the region

EASE OF COMMUTE

With the Challaghatta to Whitefield link complete, Bengaluru's Namma Metro has become the preferred mode of travel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH Namma Metro set to step into its 13th year this Friday (October 20), and riding high as its 73.81-km network has begun averaging a daily ridership of 7 lakh, what has been its contribution towards enhancing the quality of life in Bengaluru city? Has it made a difference in easing the notorious traffic gridlocks and commute for Bengalureans? With the Metro network set to expand four-fold in the future, what lies ahead?

The recent development connecting the entire Purple Line stretch from Challaghatta to Whitefield Kadugodi has been overwhelmingly welcomed by citizens, with daily ridership instantly shooting up by over 1 lakh. The 4.15-km additional route opened on October 9.

The next big milestone for the Metro is slated for February 2024, when the RV Road-Bommasandra line via Electronics City gets commissioned. The longer expansion goals are 175km by June 2025 and 314km by 2041.

TNIE interacted with top Metro officials, experts, prominent voices advocating public transport and close watchers of the transportation scene to seek answers.

M N Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Traffic, Bengaluru, said that in just four days since the Metro began operations on its full Purple Line, there has been a 15 per cent to 20 per cent reduction in traffic at four junctions: Baiyappanahalli, Benniganahalli, Tin Factory and Lowry Junction. "The reduction in the morning is 20 per cent, and 15 per cent in the evening," he said.

When the Outer Ring Road Line gets commissioned, the Silk Board Junction too will have major relief, he felt.

Police sources at Whitefield said the congestion at KR Pura Junction has already disappeared. "There is big relief on Outer Ring Road due to feeder buses from KR Pura Metro Station, taking techies to their offices. When the RV Road-Bommasandra line is commissioned, ridership would touch 10 lakh," he added.

A S Shankar, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL, said, "With our new stretch, Metro has changed how people commute in Bengaluru as they can easily criss-cross the city from all corners. I hear people say they are travelling from Whitefield to South Bengaluru, and from South to East. Metro has revolutionised public transport."

He added that it has made two transport modes work in unison to ferry the public. "We are the trunk service and BMTC provides feeder service."

TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Aarin Capital Partners, who is quite vocal about issues facing the city, says Bengaluru Metro will be a real gamechanger only when its reach extends to at least 250km. "Delhi Metro now covers 393km and has a ridership of 68 lakhs. Delhi would have choked by now, but for its Metro reach. Bengaluru Metro averages a ridership of 7 lakhs now for its 73-km network. Its ridership could touch 35 lakhs when it covers 250km. Then it could make a significant impact on travel."

BIG PICTURE

He added, "The real question to be examined here is how much of the population is actually using the Metro network. For a city of 1.2 crore population, Metro's contribution to travel is less than 1 per cent."

Sanjeev V Dyamannavar, urban transportation expert, says, "People of Bengaluru have shown willingness to adopt good, well integrated public transport even if the cost is high. As per DPR estimates, daily ridership with adequate Metro cars should reach 13 lakh, and subsequently, 18 lakh," he said. BMRCL needs to ensure multi-modal integration with BMTC, Indian Railways & Foot Over Bridges, and increase frequency to reach this 18lakh figure, he added.

The state government and BBMP need to come up with a parking policy and advertisement policy for the city, as advised by the Urban Development ministry in its February 21, 2014, letter to boost public transport systems in the city. "BMRCL needs to complete the remaining 106km under construction without further delays, as governments have made massive capital investments in the Metro project," he added.

Srinivas Alavilli, who canvasses for public transport consistently, and is behind the hugely popular #Personal2Public campaign, says, "The year 2023 is a milestone year for Bengaluru Metro as the Purple Line came alive, bringing joy and relief to lakhs of citizens who live and work in Whitefield. The fact that the Purple Line can offer a lifeline to ORR by means of BMTC feeder buses is an added bonus till the Blue Line comes alive."

He adds, "The twin major challenges for BMRCL now are how to manage the surging crowds in its trains and to deliver the Yellow Line as promised. Metro can alleviate traffic woes only if it is integrated with bus and other modes of transport, including auto, cycling and walking." Metro stations needs to be transformed into multi-modal hubs and buzzing commercial spaces for all age groups, he felt.

Vikram Rai, General Secretary, Bangalore Apartments' Federation, another prominent campaigner for public transport, said, "Metro is going to emerge as the backbone and will anchor the public transport scene in Bengaluru. We have 1,250 associations in our fold with 3 lakh members. I have personally benefited enormously as I use the Metro from my residence in JP Nagar, and I make it a point to popularise it among all our associations. In fact, I meet people only near a Metro station these days to ensure a comfortable Metro commute for all."

Suburban Rail could take 10L people off roads

The Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) is a major infrastructure project that could change the way citizens commute, when it is completed. A top official of the agency implementing the Rs 15,767-crore project, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) told TNIE, "When the 147.17-km project is fully ready, it will considerably reduce traffic in the city as it will carry at least 10 lakh passengers in its four-corridor network. Along with the over 10 lakh passengers that Metro would be carrying by then, the two transportation systems would have taken away roughly 20 lakh people off the roads. The project is being jointly done by the State government and Railways.

The deadline specified by the Railways is 2026, while state Infrastructure Minister MB Patil felt that BSRP could be in place by 2028.

Another source said, "While there is so much expense and focus on the Metro in the state, the Suburban Rail project would be completed much faster if it gets just 50 per cent of the interest."

However, actual construction work on much of the project has not even begun. The 25.57-km Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara line (known as Corridor-2) is the only one for which the civil works contract has been awarded, and work has commenced. Tenders for building its 12 stations, and a decision on awarding Corridor-4, running 48km between Rajanakunte and Heelalige, to Larsen & Tourbo Ltd, the lowest bidder, is likely to be finalised by the K-RIDE Board on Monday (October 16).

Dasara elephants rehearse for Jamboo Savari in Mysuru on Sunday

No tax exemption for tourist vehicles in Mysuru

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WHILE Dasara festival begun on Sunday, the state government has not announced tax exemption for tourist vehicles entering Mysuru for the festival. Sources from the state transport department maintained that the finance department has not given the nod for tax exemption as the state's exchequer is already overburdened due to the state's guarantee schemes.

Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations said this will have an impact on the number of tourist vehicles entering the state. They complained that the state government is aiming at only mopping up revenue after the launch of the 'guarantee schemes' but has failed to realise that by giving tax exemption, the inflow of tourists will be high and they can earn through indirect taxes.

Speaking to TNIE, Nataraj Sharma, nominated president of the federation, said, "For Dasara every year, around 10,000 yellow-board cars, 3,000 maxi cabs and around 1,000 buses from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala enter Mysuru. Thousands of passengers flock to the cultural city and go around nearby tourist spots. Karnataka government for more than 15 years have been giving this tax exemption for a period of 15 days during the Dasara festival. However, this year it has decided not to grant the exemption and we feel it is due to the huge financial burden the state is incurring to run the guarantee schemes."

The government has only calculated the loss it would incur by giving tax exemption this year, but has not calculated the direct and indirect taxes that it can reap through the tourists and the livelihood of the people who solely depend on the tourists for their income, Sharma said.

A 55-seater other state bus pays around Rs 18,000 as tax and the tax varies on the type of vehicle and seating capacity, he said.

Sources from the state transport department maintained that every year they used to announce the exemption a day before the start of the Dasara festival and this time they have not announced it as they have not got approval from the finance department.

'Operation Hasta': Many BJP men ready to join Cong

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE ruling Congress is busy inducting leaders from BJP and JDS ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The Grand Old Party seems to have taken advantage of the BJP, which is yet to declare its leader in the State Legislative Assembly and its state unit president, and going ahead with its "operation hasta".

The state BJP leadership is losing control over its leaders at district and local levels. This is evident in districts such as Chikkamagaluru with CT Ravi losing hold over his supporter Varasiddhi Venugopal, the president of the local municipal council, who refused to resign from his post despite a directive to do so.

In the run-up to the May 10 Assembly elections, the Congress poached Ravi's close confidant HD Thammaiah and fielded him from Chikkamagaluru. In the election, Thammaiah defeated Ravi, who has won four times from Chikkamangaluru constituency.

The Congress received a big boost ahead of the Assembly elections when former chief minister Jagadish Shettar and former deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi of the BJP joined it. Both have a considerable following in north Karnataka. In fact, it was Shettar who persuaded former Shirahatti BJP MLA Rudrappa Lamani to join Congress.

"There is a list of about 45 leaders who want to jump ship," senior Congress leader and Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar said sometime ago. They include former Mudigere BJP MLA MP Kumaraswamy, who met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with Lamani recently.

The stage is set for leaders, including former Hiriyuru MLA Poornima Srinivas, who recently met Siddaramaiah, to join the ruling party. Siddaramaiah had allegedly snubbed Poornima's father and former minister A Krishnappa, a backward 'Golla' community leader, by denying him a ticket for KR Pura seat in Bengaluru in the 2013 Assembly elections.

"I have decided to join the ruling party. But they have to treat us with respect and dignity," Poornima told reporters recently. While her husband DT Srinivas stated that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar have promised to field him as a Congress candidate in the July 2024 MLC election from South-east Teachers' constituency. Though they belong to the "Uru Golla" subsect of the Golla community, Srinivas and Poornima have supporters in Davanagere, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Bengaluru rural and Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha constituencies.

Suicide bid: Koppal subcontractor dies

Koppal: A subcontractor from Koppal, who drank poison on October 10, died at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi on Friday. In a note, Rajeev Bagde, 50, of BT Patil Nagar in Koppal, blamed nine persons, including local municipal council member Chennappa Kotyal and Congress leader Prasanna Gadad, for his death. The police have registered a case under Section 306 of IPC. Rajeev Bagde's father Mohan Bagde said, "My son also video recorded his statement while he was in hospital and I have appealed to the police to take action against those responsible for his death. My son is a subcontractor and executed many works given to him by some big contractors. Rajeev was not paid for the works he had completed. They used to harass my son whenever he approached them for money." ENS

FEST SEASON

Homa being offered for 'Durgashtami' at Vidya Ganapathi Temple on the first day of Dasara in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on Sunday | EXPRESS

BJP to protest for 2 days across state from today

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THE Karnataka BJP will stage a protest across the state for two days from Monday demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, accusing them of rampant corruption. BJP leaders alleged that the Congress is collecting money to fund the assembly polls in five states that will be held in the next few weeks.

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Sunday said it is a shame that officials are demanding money from noted artists. In IT raids, crores of money were found. "The CM and Dy CM should resign on moral grounds," he said. Kateel on Sunday alleged that the state government has given target to officials. They have not spared even artistes, he added.

BJP leader CT Ravi, who spoke to reporters on Sunday, said the Siddaramiah government has turned into a 60% government. "For an event of senior artist Pandit Rajeev Taranath, where renumeration was Rs 5 lakh and officials are demanding Rs 3 lakh, which shows the government is a 60% commission government. This happened in Siddaramaiah watch, who claims that his government is corruption free.

Cong amassing money for assembly polls: Joshi

Hubballi: With BJP leaders sharpening attacks on the Congress government in the state over the corruption issue after IT sleuths seized crores of cash during raid, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi accused the Siddarmaiah government of collecting Rs 1,000 crore for the upcoming assembly election in five states. Joshi told reporters here on Sunday, "Information has come to my notice that the Congress government in the state plans to amass Rs 1,000 crore illegally. Cash-filled cardboard boxes found during the IT raid itself showed the intent of the government and it has also been revealed the seized money belonged to the Congress." He said as the IT raid was conducted on a large scale in the State Rs 42 crore was found in one's house and another Rs 45 crore in another's house. One Santosh has admitted that cash belonged to the Congress leaders. It is also learnt that the cash found was collected through commission, he said and added, "The Congress is synonymous with corruption."

JDS-BJP alliance: Miffed Ibrahim to meet sympathisers today

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JDS state president and former Union minister C M Ibrahim, who was upset over the party leadership's decision to forge an alliance with the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, is likely to take a final call about quitting the party and joining another political outfit on Monday. He will hold a meeting of followers, especially from the muslim community, at a hotel here on Monday.

As he is upset over the secular party joining hands with the 'saffron' party which is allegedly averse to Muslims, Ibrahim is expected ro either returning to Congress or other like minded parties like the I.N.D.I.A block, according to political pundits.

Before making any decision, Ibrahim is likely to call on JD(S) patriarch and former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and seek his advice, according to sources. Gowda, who had allowed former JD(S) national spokesperson Danish Ali and let the latter join the BSP and eventually became MP, has also been soft on Ibrahim, they added.

"I have offers from the Congress high command, the AAP, the NCP and the JD(S)," Ibrahim had claimed recently adding that he will meet Gowda before taking any call.But in the Congress, the Muslim leadership in the state is against his returning to the party fold as he left the party in a lurch during the May 10 assembly polls, a Muslim leader said.

NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar had made a similar offer to former Union minister Jafeer Sharief, when he was planning to quit the Congress in the past, in order to attract minority votes.

Hamasalekha inaugurates Dasara, moots 'Kannada Patta' for residents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

NOTED music director and lyricist ₹Nadabrahma' Hamasalekha inaugurated the world famous Dasara festival atop the Chamundi Hills here on Sunday by lighting a lamp and offering puja to Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Hamasalekha, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleagues were accorded a ceremonial welcome on their arrival. A large number of devotees were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Hamasalekha said there may be limitations to Kannada as a language, but there are no boundaries for its emotions which will take it to greater heights. Kannada language and Dasara will help promote peace and harmony among the people of Karnataka.

Stating that all those residing in Karnataka are Kannadigas, the veteran composer stressed the need for conducting a survey to know how many of them know to read and write Kannada. Those living in Karnataka should learn Kannada, he said and added that even corporate Kannadigas have come forward to teach Kannada in just 30 days. Hamasalekha said people knowing Kannada to read and write should be given "Kannada Patta" on the lines of BPL and APL cards. Such card-holders should be allowed to avail facilities in hospitals and other public utilities.

He announced that he will join hands with the state government in implementing schemes and projects to promote Kannada and culture.

Hamasalekha favoured adoption of the sister district concept to promote Kannada language and culture across the globe.

Thanking Siddaramaiah and his government for inviting him to inaugurate Mysuru Dasara, he said the state was renamed as Karnataka in 1973. "The new Karnataka is 50 years old. This also coincided with my five decades of journey as a lyricist and composer," he added.

(Left) Chief Minister Siddaramaiah felicitates music director Hamsalekha, who inaugurated the Dasara festivities in Mysuru on Sunday. (Right) Scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performs rituals as part of Sharannavarathri at the private durbar in Mysore Palace on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

> I have come here climbing 1,000 steps to inaugurate the Dasara festival. I have lit the lamp. I will guide all those who serve for the cause of Kannada. Dasara is a living Mahakavya initiated by the Vijayanagar Kingdom and continued by the Mysore Wadiyars, and is now celebrated by the elected governments,"
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> Hamasalekha, music director and lyricist

CM prays for rain amid drought in state

Says state has logged crop loss to tune of ₹30K cr, promises to meet people's expectations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said he prayed for the northeast monsoon, as Karnataka is reeling under drought following monsoon failure.

"The state government is committed to provide drinking water, fodder for cattle and employment to the state's people," he said.

Speaking at the inauguration of the nine-day-long Dasara festivities atop the Chamundi Hills here on Sunday, Siddaramaiah said the state has recorded Rs 30,000 crore crop loss in 42 lakh hectares and has sought relief of Rs 4,850 crore from the Centre, as 216 taluks have been declared drought-hit.

He observed that there is a green drought in the state as there are crops, but no considerable yield due to monsoon failure and untimely rain. However, the government wanted to ensure stable income for the farmers and improve their purchasing capacity by implementing the guarantees announced in the run-up to the elections.

He said everyone is equal and will get equal opportunities under the law, as Ambedkar had observed that there will not be social justice if there is no socio-economic equality.

Turning his attention on the Navaratri celebrated in the Vijaynagar Empire and then by the Wadiyars of Mysore, he said the state is celebrating Dasara festivities to spread the Kannada language, its culture and heritage among people across the world. He said the people of Karnataka are known for their love and respect for their fellowmen and treat everyone with love and affection.

Despite the drought, the government wanted to celebrate Dasara festivities traditionally as per the wishes of the people of the state, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others lift wooden maces to mark the inauguration of the Dasara Kusti event in Mysuru on Sunday | KPN

Sat on father's shoulders to watch Dasara: Siddu

Reminiscing the past, Siddaramkaiah recalled how he sat on his father's shoulders to watch the grand Jamboo Savari procession and was told to see the Maharaja seated on the Golden Howdah with folded hands. "But, I could not see because of the huge crowd," he said, adding that he made it a point to visit the exhibition every evening during the Dasara celebrations.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said they have come here to offer prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari for good rain. "We had come before the election to seek the blessings of the presiding deity Chamundeshwari to give us strength to implement five guarantees in the state," he added.

A BRS worker in a jubilant mood ahead of the release of BRS' election manifesto in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, on Sunday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

KCR launches BRS' poll campaign from Husnabad, slams Cong

P KRISHNA @Siddipet

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president K Chandrasekhar Rao urged the people of Telangana not to fall for the "lies spread by the Congress". He pointed out that the Grand Old Party, despite being in power at the Centre for over 50 years, failed to bring about significant change anywhere —be it on the streets or in the nation's capital. "Now, they seek another chance to perform miracles," he said.

Rao was speaking at the launch of BRS' election campaign from the Husnabad constituency in Siddipet district on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, he wondered how different the situation would have been if the Congress had implemented a scheme like Dalit Bandhu 60 years ago. He emphasised that the persistent poverty among Dalits was due to a lack of sincerity in governance and inadequate policies.

"Some parties are asking you to give them a chance. But they were given 10 chances earlier. You (referring to the Congress) ruled for 60 years from here till New Delhi (from State to Centre). Even after 75 years of Independence, there is poverty in this country, which is disgraceful," he said.

The chief minister highlighted that people faced difficulties with power supply during the Congress regime. "Uncertainty prevailed over when electricity would be available and when it would be cut off," he added. He mentioned how transformers and water pumps used to frequently fail, but that's no longer the case, and repair shops for water motors have closed down.

He credited the unity of the people in Telangana for fighting for and achieving a separate state. Stating that the BRS-led state government has worked to eliminate electricity supply problems, Rao said that due to the restoration of ponds under Mission Kakatiya, the underground water supply has increased, enabling farmers to cultivate using abundant electricity. He also highlighted the progress made in Telangana's agriculture sector.

Annamalai questions Oppn over conference

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Coimbatore

TAMIL Nadu BJP president **K Annamalai** said women political leaders like former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and DMK MP Kanimozhi 'don't have any eligibility' to talk about the Women's Reservation Bill.

Interacting with the media at Coimbatore International Airport on Sunday morning, he said the women's rights conference in Chennai organised by the DMK is a 'drama' and the women speakers there, who had entered politics with the help of their fathers and relatives, have criticised the 33 per cent Women's Reservation Bill, implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Sharad Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule and Samajwadi Party chief Akilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav, and Kalaignar's daughter Kanimozhi have charged the PM and questioned its implementation. We all know that the bill is to aid common women in overcoming various hurdles that they face in politics. The PM had already stated that it will be implemented after the next election. However, during the Congress regime, the bill was not brought to Lok Sabha for four years, despite being passed in the Rajya Sabha," he said.

Annamalai alleged that Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi are keen on DMK's growth, instead of their own party's growth.

Speaking about the I.N.D.I.A alliance, Annamalai said it cannot beat the BJP, which will be proved from the results of the Assembly elections in Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, and Telangana on December 4.

PORT OF CALL

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan welcomes cargo ship Zhen Hua 15, which arrived at Vizhinjam International Port for the first time | EXPRESS

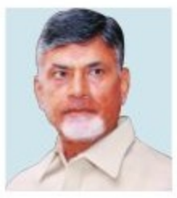
Court orders, Naidu gets tower AC in prison cell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Rajamahendravaram

FOLLOWING directions of the ACB court, authorities of the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison have provided a movable tower Air Conditioner in the barrack of former chief minister and TDP president **N Chandrababu Naidu** on Sunday.

Naidu is probably the first prisoner in Indian history to have an AC facility in the prison, officials said.

It may be recalled that Naidu had been lodged at the prison on judicial remand in the AP State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) case since September 10. He had developed skin rashes on his body and the prison medical team recommended to provide a cooler atmosphere in the barrack. DIG, Prisons (Coastal Region), M Ravikiran, sent a report to the ACB court in Vijayawada on Saturday.



ACB court judge BSV Himabindu directed the prison authorities to provide a tower AC in Naidu's barrack. Naidu was housed in Sneha block. According to the jail manual, there has been no provision for prisoners to have an AC room facility in the jail. However, on the court's direction, the jail authorities made the exception on Sunday. The prison authorities also released a medical bulletin of Naidu, according to which, his physical activity is good and his weight stands at 67 kg. "Naidu's health condition is stable," the bullet in read. Meanwhile, the TDP leaders and cadre took up another demonstration, protesting Naidu's arrest. Tying ropes to their hands, Nara Bhuvaneswari, Naidu's wife, their son and TDP national general secretary Lokesh and his wife Brahmani, along with other party leaders on Sunday staged the protest. Claiming a threat to his father's life inside the jail, Lokesh said the state government is acting in the most dubious way.

Cops take father into custody

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Enraged by this, Lakshman Babu, a paralysis patient, hurled the scissors at Chandrashekhar.Chandrashekhar's mother Lakshmi rushed him to the taluk hospital at Molakalmuru, but the doctors there asked her to shift him to VIMS Hospital in Ballari. Chandrashekhar died on the way to Ballari. The police have taken Lakshman Babu into custody.

Bengaluru-bound car collides with lorry on highway, killing seven

PRAVEENA S A @Tiruvannamalai

SEVEN of a family, including two children and a woman, from Bengaluru were killed in a road accident on the Krishnagiri-Tindivanam National Highway (NH77) near Chengam in Tiruvannamalai district on Sunday morning. Police said the accident happened when R Sathish Kumar, who was driving the car, lost control and entered the wrong lane, and collided head-on with a lorry coming from the opposite direction.

While V Srinivasan (60), S Malar (58), S Manikandan (37), S Hemanth Kumar (36), R Sathish Kumar (40), and his two children, S Sarveshwaran (6) and S Sidhu (3), died on the spot, Kavya (35), Sathish Kumar's wife, is undergoing treatment at Tiruvannamalai Government Medical College Hospital for critical injuries.

According to police, the accident happened around 8.30 am, when the victims were on their way back to Bengaluru, after visiting the Sri Malayanur Angala Parameswari Temple in Villupuram district. "Normally, National Highways have four lanes with a median made of concrete dividing opposite lanes. But due to construction work, the NH stretch near Chengam does have not a concrete median. The accident happened as the car entered the wrong lane and collided with the lorry coming from Pochampalli in Krishnagiri district to Tiruvannamalai," Chengam DSP Thenmozhivel said.

The road work has been going on for 11 years, sources said. Sathish Kumar may have lost control while attempting to overtake another vehicle or may have dozed off at the wheel, police said.

Police and fire services personnel, who arrived on the scene, retrieved the bodies from the mangled car with the help of local villagers and sent them to the Tiruvannamalai hospital for postmortem. "Eight people were travelling in the SUV that is designed to accommodate five passengers. The lorry driver attempted to stop the vehicle, but he could not avert the accident," the DSP said.

"An FIR has been registered against lorry driver M Chakaravarthy (49), under IPC Sections 279, 337, and 304A," police said.

FROM TRICHY TO B'LURU

Gandhian walks for 26 days to congratulate ISRO scientists

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WITH an aim to congratulate the scientists of ISRO for their hardwork in making Chandrayaan-3 a success, a Gandhian named M Karuppaiah walked for 26 days all the way from Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru.

> ISRO's scientists have worked day and night to make Chandrayaan-3 successful
>
> M Karuppaiah

Covering around 400 km on foot, 52-year-old Karuppaiah, a native of Madurai, has been visiting schools and colleges and meeting students, and other public places throughout his journey, spreading the message of patriotism, Gandhian principles and environment protection.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Karuppaiah said, "I started from Alathur village in Tiruchirapalli district, Tamil Nadu, on September 21. I have taken up many expeditions across the length and breadth of the country to create awareness among the people about damages to the environment and passing on the message of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, to the people, especially children."

Karuppaiah, who has the credit of covering 1 lakh km through his different padayatras and cycle expeditions, like 'Tirupur to Tumakuru' to share lessons from Gandhi's life, 'India-Pakistan Border (Wagah) expedition', and 'Erode to Hyderabad' expedition to mark the 90th anniversary of Gandhi's Dandi March, said he decided to embark on yet another expedition -- this time to congratulate ISRO scientists after the Chandrayaan-3 mission successfully reached the Moon's South Pole.

Gandhian M Karuppaiah (in white cap), spreading awareness on Mahatma Gandhi's principles, on his way to meet and congratulate ISRO scientists | EXPRESS

"ISRO's scientists have worked day and night to make the mission successful. I wish to meet them in person, salute them and motivate them," Karuppaiah said.

The yatra that started from Trichy on September 21 covered Karur, Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Hosur in Tamil Nadu, before entering Karnataka, and reaching Bengaluru on Sunday. He claims to have got an appointment from ISRO on Monday, where he will salute the scientists along with the Tricolour, which he has been carrying throughout his journey.

YG Nagaraj, who has extended support to the yatra through his Democratic Awareness Movement organisation, said a team of five members have been granted an appointment on Monday to meet ISRO scientists.

EDITORIAL

There are many problems, but I think there is a solution to all these problems; it's just one, and it's education

Malala Yousafzai

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— Ramnath Goenka

RETRIBUTION's KISS OF LIFE TO BIBI's FLAGGING POLITICAL CAPITAL

HAMAS may have committed a tactical blunder by perpetrating the worst massacre of Israelis since Holocaust. A week is a long time in politics. Until 7/10, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was on a self-destruction mission as his muddled far-right alliance got him to legislatively render the judiciary powerless. At a time when the nation was staging an unprecedented revolt against him, last week's mass murder by Hamas turned his fortunes around, served to unite the fractured polity and forge a unity government. The new allies gave Netanyahu the balance he needed to ward off pressures from his nutty far-right partners. From a reviled politician, Netanyahu is now the man of the moment. He may yet pay the price for the embarrassing intelligence failure but things could change if the barbarity is comprehensively avenged and pogrom deterrence after Holocaust is decisively restored—Never Again.

Sensing the opportunity, Netanyahu is about to order a ground assault in Gaza after pulverising entire neighbourhoods there through aerial bombings. The operation has already killed more than 2,200 in Gaza, but for him the war has just begun. Ahead of putting boots on the ground, his military ordered the immediate evacuation of an estimated 1.1 million people from northern Gaza. It led to an exodus though Hamas advised people to ignore the order. The uprooting of women and children with no roof to call their home amid a blockade of food, water and fuel amounts to penalising civilians for the actions of militants, which is illegal under international law. Yet, apart from the UN and some Muslim nations, there has been little adverse reaction from the global community to the forced migration. The US, in fact, tacitly approved the ground assault by saying Israel has a legitimate right to ensure 7/10 never ever happens while protecting Palestinian civilians. It may be argued that Hamas was avenging the Israeli land grab and other atrocities in the West Bank, but 7/10 can never be justified. As US President Joe Biden said, Hamas's brutality made Al-Qaeda look pure.

The ground assault is meant to smoke Hamas out of its bunkers and tunnels, where it is hiding the hostages it took from Israel. Hamas successfully brought the Palestinian issue to the front burner but it can only blame itself for its overkill if the Israeli operation against it does not go sideways.

MAKE THE AVIATION BUSINESS COST-EFFECTIVE

INDIA needs a thriving aviation sector, but for that to happen it has to ensure one or two players do not dominate the sector. Currently, there is a clear duopoly with IndiGo and Tatas (through Air India, Air Asia and Vistara) enjoying 90 percent of the market share. The two big players strengthened their grip over the market after Go Air went out of business in May this year. Meanwhile, SpiceJet, which has been struggling with its finances, and Akasa, which has been seeing many of its pilots leave, keep losing their market share to the big two. While smaller players need to get their houses in order to thrive in the business, the government must ensure the cost of airline operations does not go through the roof.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) costs account for around 40 percent of the operation costs of airlines in India. While international crude oil prices have a direct bearing on the ATF prices, high and complex taxes on ATF in India make the situation worse for airlines. There have been demands to bring ATF under the Goods and Services Tax. This will serve two purposes—taxes will be lower and airlines will be able to claim input tax credit on GST paid on fuels. The government must also ensure that airports do not charge unnecessary fees from airlines or passengers. An airline spends 8-10 percent of its total expenses on airport charges such as landing fees, parking fees and aerobridge fees. The aviation industry, along with the government, also needs to find a solution to the skill deficit in the industry. Indian airlines are severely constrained by the shortage of pilots, and the same was evident from the recent crisis in Akasa Air. India needs to develop domestic capabilities for aircraft maintenance and repair. Engine problems and a shortage of mechanics ensure over 20 percent of airlines remain grounded.

The aviation sector is a difficult business to be in. Scores of airlines, including big names such as Jet Airways and Kingfisher, have shut shop. A strong aviation sector can propel growth for an expanding economy like India's. The government has ensured over the years that the aviation infrastructure expands and newer towns are connected through air. However, unless the running costs of the industry are within the scope of commercial viability, the sector cannot prosper.

QUICK TAKE

INDIAN FOOTBALL NEEDS SCIENCE

A new study published in Current Biology found that goalkeepers—the most specialised position on the football pitch—can make speedier estimation of the signals their brains receive than outfield players. The study was done in Dublin, the capital of a country ranked 55 in world football. Meanwhile we have learned that India, ranked 102, has recently paid lakhs of rupees to an astrologer to decide the line-up before matches. We hope India's Croatian coach Igor Stimac will not seek help from celestial alignments for the World Cup qualifiers coming up next month. The stars he needs are on the field. Support them with superior science.

The economic crisis is a major worry for Pakistanis. Experts are telling them how disastrous the country's policies have been and how far ahead India is

LAGGING PAKISTAN MUST DO SOME INTROSPECTION

A SURYA PRAKASH

Vice-Chairman, Executive Council, Prime Ministers Museum and Library, New Delhi

AT the time of its creation in 1947, Pakistan chose to be an Islamic republic—a theocratic state—while India decided to be a secular, democratic republic where liberal values would prevail. Consequently, the people of Pakistan have remained imprisoned in a rigid, inflexible society while Indians have thrived in a plural environment that enables questioning and the quest for knowledge. Since diversity of thought is central to acquisition of knowledge, one can see the impact of these two distinct political systems 76 years after Independence in many fields, especially education.

Providing some valuable insights into this aspect of governance in the two countries is Dr Pervez Hoodbhoy from Pakistan, a nuclear physicist and the guiding light of a platform called *The Black Hole (TBH)* on YouTube where issues pertaining to public policy, education, culture, science and technology are discussed. *TBH* is described as a non-profit, open-to-all and casual educational and intellectual space for science, art and culture in Islamabad. Many youngsters attend these events.

In one of Dr Hoodbhoy's lectures, students in his audience spoke about India's success in landing Chandrayaan 3 near the south pole of the moon and asked him why Pakistan had not developed such a space programme. His response was straight and unambiguous. Dr Hoodbhoy said Pakistan has lagged behind India in various scientific and technological disciplines because of its inability to separate religion and science and to inculcate a scientific temper among the youth. He did not elaborate, but it was obvious that he was referring to some doctrines in the scriptures which are in conflict with modern science.

Interestingly, he said that during his visits to technological institutions and universities in India, he learned that Indian teachers earned less than their counterparts in Pakistan but were far more dedicated to their profession. Further, he found that Indian teachers (from whichever denomination) were as religious as their Pakistani counterparts but left their religious beliefs behind when they went to work.

To drive home his point about the quality of education in India and Pakistan, he asked engineering students in his audience to cull out questions from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) entrance exams and seek answers from their professors. He said not one Pakistani professor will be able to answer the questions. That is why even the best of engineering colleges in Pakistan are no match to the engineering colleges in India because Pakistani teachers are not proficient in their subjects and are also not dedicated to their subjects. They are always thinking about their next increment and the politics in their departments and universities. There may be a bit of exaggeration here, but he was driving home the point that the alumni of engineering colleges in Pakistan are unable to match the alumni of engineering colleges in India. He concluded his analysis by saying, "In our educational institutions, *talim nahi hoti* (there is no education), just procedure … no questions are asked or answered." The quality of education in Indian engineering and management colleges is best exemplified by the fact that their alumni head several top-ranking institutions and corporations in the world.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Needless to say, Dr Hoodbhoy's matter-of-fact lecture on Chandrayaan 3's success and his general comments on religion and education irked a couple of mullahs, who denounced him as an Indian agent.

Another interesting programme on *TBH* was '76 years of Independence: Where do we (Pakistan) stand?'. It had an eminent panel of experts and authors who discussed Pakistan's journey since its creation. The panellists referred to three major problems that have impeded Pakistan's growth. The most worrisome aspect they said was the vice-like grip the Army has on the country and the hard knocks that democracy has taken there since 1947. Another major concern is the dominance of religion in all aspects of life which affects education, gender equality and minorities. The third issue on which there was unanimity was the poor quality of education from the primary level to higher education.

In their view, the country's leadership had bungled at various stages leading to the creation of Bangladesh and current turmoil in Balochistan and other areas. Shakil Chaudhary, an author, said blind patriotism, self-righteousness, obsession with defence of the country, and constant blame and propaganda against the enemy (India) has caused much damage to Pakistan. He added that the media deems it unpatriotic to say anything good about India and there is no self-criticism whatsoever.

Several Pakistani experts have in recent times been trying to bring their people closer to reality and explain to them how Pakistan's domestic and foreign policies have been disastrous and how on the other hand, India under Narendra Modi's leadership has forged ahead in the international arena with tremendous confidence.

Among them is Dr Sajid Tarar, a commentator on international relations. He is telling the Pakistanis to come to terms with the fact that Modi has built strong relations with Muslim countries in the Arab world, dashing Pakistan's hope of using Islam as a trump card against India at all times. In his view, the *Ummah* concept is over, meaning that religion alone cannot be a binding force and it is foolish for Pakistan to pretend to be the standard-bearer for all Muslims across the world. Further, several Arab nations have conferred their highest national awards on Modi.

The dire economic crisis is also a major worry for the people. Earlier this year, the world was shocked to see videos from Pakistan of people mobbing trucks carrying wheat flour and the violence inflicted on individuals wanting to buy a bag of *atta*, which was selling at astronomical prices. Currently, the price of petrol in Pakistan is around Rs 320 per litre, and there is constant comparison with food and petrol prices in India on social media.

Thanks to social media platforms and WhatsApp groups, it is no longer possible for the Pakistani establishment to brainwash their citizens on issues pertaining to India. Pakistani youngsters are getting a reality check from programmes on media entities about the terrible consequences of Partition, religious hatred and bigotry. What impact will it have on the future of Pakistan, its political system and its relations with India? We must wait and watch.

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FESTIVALS HAVE MESSAGES BEYOND SWEETS, LIGHTS AND COLOURS

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FAITHLINE

HAPPY Navaratri, dear readers. It's that time of the year to be social and visit each other on soft October evenings, go to *pujas* and temples if we wish, eat sweets if permitted, and consciously think more good thoughts than ever. The jubilant mood goes on till Deepavali on November 12 and all the way beyond that to Dev Deepavali on November 26, which is Kartik Poornima or Kartikai Deepam. Dev Deepavali is observed in a big way at 'Hindu Central'—Varanasi—to mark Lord Shiva's annihilation of the three demon cities, called Tripura Dahan.

Indeed, this entire festival period is essentially about the power of Good defeating the power of Evil and restoring dharmic balance when the wicked tilt the scale.

The *Devi Mahatmyaham* recited during Navaratri chronicles the killing of the demons Shumba and Nishumba, and then the bull demon Mahishasura by Devi. Vijayadashami or the Victorious Tenth, the end of the festival, celebrates Sri Rama killing Ravana in battle while Deepavali, twenty days later, celebrates his homecoming.

A big idea is of no earthly use unless it applies practically to our daily lives. So, what deeper message do our festivals have for us beyond the festivities?

In my view, Navaratri seems to be a time of personal focus when we review our life goals and 'update our software' on how we want to live. It is a particularly intense time of connecting with the good energy of the universe, symbolised by Devi.

Deepavali is when we can sincerely try to repair broken relationships with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues and resolve unpleasant situations. It could be a small tiff or a big breakdown. But it is our personal homecoming to a baggageless self and a clear conscience that "at least we tried".

Dev Deepavali or Kartik Poornima is a time to promise ourselves that our good intentions will carry us through the next six months until Holi. That is when the calendar offers us another big opportunity to cleanse our minds of bad baggage. It is when the thought of Bhakta Prahlad prompts us to get rid of toxic people from our lives or at least distance ourselves mentally from them as best as we can. Especially by establishing non-reactive mental boundaries against their gaslighting, which means their attempts to put us down.

So, our festivals thoughtfully cater to both ends of the spectrum, from giving us an honourable occasion on which to mend fences to letting us know that it's okay to detach ourselves from hurtful and harmful people and that if we want to build up the mental courage to do so, Holi, coming up on March 25, 2024, is an inspiration to work towards.

What's so endearing about these underlying messages from the festivals is that they don't rush us. They give us time to process our wishes and feelings, confront our fears, be compassionate to ourselves and essentially, love ourselves. This is not to promote selfishness. Rather, these festivals are culturally built-in opportunities to get to a better place in our psyches, and obviously nobody can do that unless they first encourage themselves to heal and feel at peace.

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> Be it Navaratri which is around the corner or Deepavali and Holi after that, festivals give us opportunities to become better versions of ourselves. If each of us works on 'Project Me', society will become better and life will become smoother

This healing changes the way we deal with people and positively affects the atmosphere. So, if more people do this, that is, if they work positively on 'Project Me', society benefits as a whole and life can be smoother and more pleasant all around.

A big physical move towards healing is to become aware of one's breathing. This focuses the mind on the two simple steps of inhaling and exhaling, which help to empty the mind of anxiety. This can be done quietly at different times of the day. Daily exercise, or walking steadily, not necessarily fast, for even twenty minutes, improves breathing and overall physicality. Morning walks are greatly upheld but mornings are chaotic for many people. Welcome to the evening walk. Between 4 p.m and sunset is considered an ideal time. Perhaps working people can slip out of the office around teatime even if it's only to walk around a few corners.

Another big step towards sound sleep and good mental health is to stop looking at the phone or laptop at least an hour before bedtime. This may sound incredibly hard to do nowadays but it's worth a shot, especially if one is armed with a book to read in bed. Soft lighting is extremely important here so I cannot stress the importance enough of switching off the overhead light before bedtime and investing in a bedside lamp with a kindly yellow light, not a cold, harsh white light. Plenty of good, inexpensive options are available online. So, this Festival of Lights, shouldn't we start showing some self-love by lulling ourselves to sleep with some kind, soothing lighting?

Sound, healing sleep is hard to achieve if our minds are tortured by anxious thoughts. Social pressure, family pressure, work pressure, harsh words, difficult circumstances and our own fears of not doing enough, not having enough or not being 'good enough' in a competitive world can all be deeply disturbing.

But there is a cultural message about that as well in our festivals. It is to offer thanksgiving for all the good things that we do have, instead of focusing on what we don't have as peer pressure forces us to do. Indeed, the sister-practice of becoming breath-aware is to practice gratitude. Gratitude is the backbone of our relationships, be it with each other or with God.

If we read our scriptures attentively, we find that epic protagonists are always saying thanks. Kunti after Kurukshetra, when Krishna takes her leave to return to Dwaraka, says, "May misfortune keep visiting us so that you return to our side." After everything that she's been through, it's a terribly grateful thing to say.

If we count our blessings before we sleep, we put a positive, not negative spin on our lives. I hope this festival season brings us many blessings.

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Political blunders

Ref: *Stop Indira-isation of politics* (Oct 15). Indira Gandhi came to power when she was not prepared to administer a nation that was very poor. It was from her time that dynasty politics was popularised. It is continuing that way within the party with little change. Indira-isation led to political instability and factions emerged due to differences of opinion. Political instability and weak ruling paved the way for Emergency.

Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Improve judiciary

Ref: *Democracy dies when justice suffers* (Oct 14). There is no doubt that the success of any democracy, including ours, depends on the significance and functioning of its judiciary. While appreciating the suggestions made by the experienced former cabinet secretary, K M Chandrasekhar, I wish to point out that the functioning of our higher judiciary will be much smoother if a better system for judicial appointments is created.

B M Baliga, Bengaluru

Executive guilty

From many court pronouncements, it appears that the judiciary must maintain fairness and propriety. But the seemingly rogue executive challenges it in ways unexpected. This weakens the judiciary's power to protect citizens from the illegal adventures of those in power. The challenge is not only for the judiciary but for the people and the nation. This challenge goes well beyond corruption.

Balachandran, email

Blue wins

Ref: *Perfect WC show: India 8-0 Pakistan* (Oct 15). Team India inflicted yet another crushing defeat on Pakistan. The agonising loss for Pakistan reasserts the fact that the psychological bug of not being able to defeat India even once in the World Cup plays heavily on the minds of the men in green.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Sweet victory

Indian cricket fans just wanted a flower of victory against arch-rival Pakistan at the Narendra Modi Stadium. But to our surprise, Rohit Sharma and his boys gave us a garden full of fragrant victory flowers. Thank you to all members of Team India. We wish them victory in all games ahead.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Justice delayed

Ref: *Justice hurried is justice buried, says Maha Speaker on disqualification row* (Oct 15). If too much time is spent on hearing arguments of the petitioner and the respondent and if too many adjournments are given, the judgement given will be of no use.

M Lakshmanan, Madurai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Swapan Dasgupta @swapan55
Durga Puja is definitely the most popular in Bengal but it's appeal in Assam, Odisha, Bihar & Jharkhand shouldn't be minimised.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
I demand immediate implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill. I demand that women's importance as a political force be respected.

Chandra Shekhar Aazad @BhimArmyChief
Ambedkarism is an ideology of social justice and equality originating in the Indian context that has the power to uplift the oppressed communities across the world.

Navy plans for 3rd aircraft carrier on course

Study continues for its third indigenous carrier, which will be larger and better equipped than the previous IAC-2

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Navy's operational necessity matched with the budgetary planning will soon fructify into approvals for the second Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-2). However, the Navy's work on the third and larger aircraft carrier will continue.

"The files for another indigenous aircraft carrier are in advanced stages and will get the government approvals soon," said a source. Besides, the plans towards the third and larger aircraft carrier have been in motion, the source said.

As reported by this newspaper in February, in order to maintain its operational capabilities, the Indian Navy will continue the study for its third indigenous aircraft carrier which will be larger than the IAC-2. The Navy's confirmations for the IAC-2 on the lines of the IAC-1 commissioned as INS Vikrant were given with the document works being completed in December 2022.

It was on the sidelines of Aero India 2023 that Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar said, "Initially we will go for the repeat order with improved capabilities. And in the meantime, we will go for a study of larger carriers. By the time a third aircraft is commissioned, the life-span of INS Vikramaditya may end."

Some changes were made to the initial plans of IAC 2 which was supposed to be bigger than IAC 1 in size. "The size of INS Vikrant is 44,000 tonnes and we wanted the IAC2 to be around 65,000 tonnes."

The move for a repeat order of IAC-1 is based on multiple factors, including construction time, the cost and the trajectory of indigenization of aviation assets.

As per the Navy, a new aircraft carrier equipped with newer technologies will have to take into account the fresh versions of landing through catapult system. The ship-building facility will have to be upgraded.

Talking to this newspaper, the officials had said that given the Chinese belligerence in the Indian Ocean, the country will have to extend its air power into far-off areas such as the Malacca Strait on one side, and the Gulf of Aden on the other.

"The concentration of force is a principle of war. If you have two operationally ready carriers, you can be active in two areas. If needed, you can move them, bringing a different environment to the battle," said a source.

An aircraft carrier is a floating airfield and adds to the surge capability as the fighter jets operating from land will always have their limitations.

"Operationally, new technologies and drones are coming in which can be launched from the carrier. The Indian Navy requires three carriers because if one of them goes for maintenance, the force still has two carriers for months. An aircraft carrier has lengthy maintenance schedules," said the source.

This has been the case with the refit of India's lone aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya which started in the beginning of 2021 and was completed around August this year.

With one aircraft carrier still under maintenance and one yet to be inducted, the Indian Navy will be operating a carrier for some more time. The Navy has been maintaining the three carriers-based force structure so that it can operate two of them in maritime zones on each side of the Indian coastline — eastern and western coasts. INS Vikramaditya was originally a Russian carrier Admiral Gorshkov which was commissioned in 2013 after total refurbishing. The 44,500-tonne INS Vikramaditya has an airfield with an overall length of about 284 meters. As reported by TNIE in December, the Navy completed all the documentation work on the repeat orders and it is expected that the approvals from the government will come soon. The new aircraft carrier is also expected to be of 45,000 displacements with STOBAR (short take-off but arrested recovery' or short take-off, barrier-arrested recovery) technology.

WHY INDIA NEEDS 3 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

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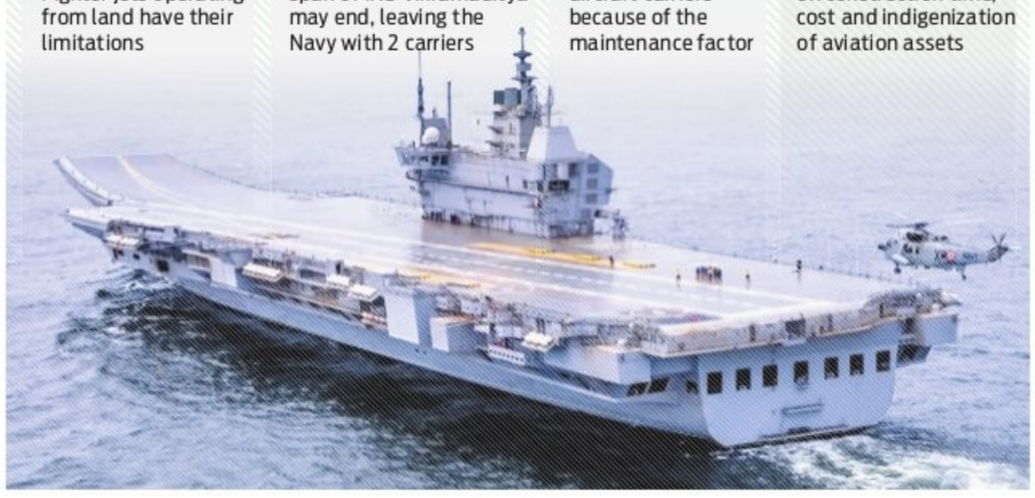

POWER GAMES

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Telangana Elections

KCR MAY NOT HAND BATON TO SON AFTER POLLS

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi headed by Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao is locked in a fierce battle with the Congress in the state assembly elections scheduled for November 30. The BJP campaign had picked up about a month back, but the party is now relegated to a distant third position due to differences within the state unit which led to the change of party president in July this year. BRS sources dismissed reports that the party's victory would see KCR making way for his son, K T Rama Rao, as the next chief minister. They said that KCR has elaborate expansion plans to turn BRS into a national party. Telangana shares close to a thousand kilometer border with Maharashtra. Telangana government schemes such as Ryuthu Bandhu and Dalit Bandhu are viewed with much interest by the Maharashtrians living on the Telangana border. Sources said KCR wants BRS to contest close to 10 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra in the 2024 election. He has made many trips to Maharashtra and has set up party units in hundreds of villages in about a dozen districts bordering Telangana. KCR has used his position as the chief minister and the attendant protocol in his expansion drive in the bordering states. Sources close to him said the chief minister plans to continue in the post until his party gains ground in a few other states and gets a national status.

India adopts global practices to fight bird flu without vaccines

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

IN a bid to eradicate the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) or 'bird flu' without the use of vaccinations, India has adopted a set of globally recognised protocols to fight the virus. The country has been successful in the endeavour, with 26 poultry farms made free of HPAI in this manner. Another 10 poultry farms are set to be declared bird flu free as well.

The international regulatory agency, World Organisation for Animal Health, has recently approved India's efforts.

"This achievement is a testament to India's commitment to maintaining high standards related to animal health and biosecurity," said Parshottam Rupala, Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. "India, as the third largest producer of eggs (129.60 billion) and the fifth largest producer of poultry meat (4.47 million tonnes) globally, is poised to capitalise on this achievement," he said.

Earlier, the time-consuming nature of the protocol had made way for the illegal vaccination market.

The poultry industry had long been demanding preventive measures against avian influenza to protect their millions of birds. The size of the poultry industry stands at 851 million birds in India and they are at a risk of bird flu outbreak.

Avian influenza causes devastating consequences for the poultry industry, farmers' livelihoods, international trade and the health of wild birds.India's policy to control bird flu is 'detect and cull' approach including destruction of animals.

Avian flu outbreak

Bird flu was first detected in India in February 2006, at Navapur town of Maharashtra. Since then, the country has experienced annual outbreaks of HPAI in different regions, leading to substantial economic losses. The disease has been reported in 24 states and Union Territories, resulting in the culling of over 9 million birds to control its spread. The last reported outbreak was also in Navapur in 2021.

BJP MP charges Moitra with cash for query, writes to Birla

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey kickstarted a political storm on Sunday after he wrote a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, seeking action against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra for allegedly taking bribe for raising questions in the House.

Dubey, who is often at loggerheads with Moitra in the Parliament, has demanded her immediate suspension from the House. "I am in receipt of a letter from Advocate Jai Anant Dehadrai, wherein he has shared irrefutable evidence of cash and gifts exchanged between Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra and business tycoon Darshan Hirananadani to ask question(s) in Parliament," Dubey alleged in his letter.

"Moitra asked approximately 50 questions in Parliament, out of the total 61 posted by her that shockingly seek information, with the intent of protecting the business interests of Darshan Hirananadani and his company," Dubey's letter alleged, adding that Moitra's questions were often focused on the Adani group.

Dubey claimed that he has enclosed all documents and relevant papers forwarded by Dehadrai with his letter. "After having meticulously gone through all the papers and documents, there is not an iota of doubt about a criminal conspiracy hatched by Mahua Moitra to protect the business interest of a businessman by asking questions in the Parliament, which is reminiscent of the 'cash-for-query' episode of 12 December, 2005," Dubey said.

Waiting for ED & others to file FIR in Adani coal scam before coming to my doorstep... Also welcome CBI's enquiry into my alleged money laundering right after they finish investigating Adani's offshore money trail, over invoicing, benami accounts

Mahua Moitra, TMC MP

He has also alleged that all these acts by Moitra are a clear case of Breach of Privilege, Contempt of the House, and a criminal offence under IPC Section 120A.

Undeterred by the BJP MP's allegations of cash-for-questions, Moitra took to social media site X. "If Adani group is relying on dodgy dossier created by dubious Sanghis and circulated by fake degree wallahs to either shut me up or bring me down, I would advise them not to waste their time. Use your lawyers wisely," she wrote on the website.

"Multiple breach of privileges pending against fake degree-wala and other BJP luminaries. Welcome any motions against me right after Speaker finishes dealing with those. Also waiting for enforcement directorate and others to file FIR in Adani coal scam before coming to my doorstep," she wrote on X.

In a third post, she said, "Also welcome CBI's enquiry into my alleged money laundering right after they finish investigating Adani's offshore money trail, over invoicing, benami accounts. Adani may use BJP agencies to browbeat competition & buy airports but just try doing it with me."

Battle of Northeast

ZORAMTHANGA IS OUT OF TUNE IN HIS SWAN SONG

The northeastern state of Mizoram, which is scheduled to go in for election on November 7, is unlikely to see any pre-poll alliance. There are four parties in the fray – Mizo National Front (MNF) led by chief minister Zoramthanga, Congress, BJP, and the newly-formed Zoram People's Movement (ZPM). The 79-year-old Zoramthanga, who is the senior-most politician in the state, is fighting his last election. And he has his back against the wall.

The Congress, which was soundly defeated by the MNF in the last election, is gaining support. So is the ZPM, which is headed by an ex-Indian Police Service officer Lalduhawma, who had won his first election as a Member of Parliament in 1984 on a Congress ticket. In the last assembly election, Lalduhawma had contested from two seats and won from both. The BJP had managed to win only one assembly seat in the last election from the predominantly Buddhist Chakma area. The party is trying to improve its performance by bringing prominent state politicians into its fold. There are reports that assembly Speaker Lalrinliana Sailo, who was denied ticket by the MNF, may contest as a BJP candidate. The BJP list may include some other big names. The main contest, however, is between the ruling MNF and the Congress. State watchers are predicting a hung house and a coalition government in the state.

Drill for coastal security along eastern belt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE operational readiness of the sword arm of India's maritime force was reviewed on Sunday. It followed a comprehensive coastal security exercise on the eastern sea-board.

Indian Navy on Sunday said, "Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief (FOCinC) Western Naval Command (WNC) embarked Western Fleet for a review of operational readiness inspection of the Western Fleet". Rear Admiral Vineet McCarty is the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF).

"The CinC witnessed anti-submarine, anti-aircraft, and surface drills, and live firings by multiple platforms in a realistic multi-threat scenario, including air operations from INS Vikramaditya."

The CinC also embarked the newly inducted MH60R helicopter and expressed satisfaction with efforts made for early fleet integration.

The biggest ships of the Indian Navy form part of its two Fleets. A Fleet is a group of ships that operate under one authority. The Indian Navy's Western Fleet is based at Mumbai and the Eastern Fleet is based at Visakhapatnam.

Anti-submarine, anti-aircraft and surface drills with live firings by multiple platforms were undertaken from INS Vikramaditya | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, at a larger scale, on the Eastern seaboard a two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach 02/23 involving all maritime security agencies was conducted by the Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and the UT of Puducherry last week from 11-12 October.

The exercise was executed under the aegis of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command, FOC-INC (East) who also exercises the authority of Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Defence (East).

About 2500 personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, State and U/T Administration, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, Intelligence Agencies, Light Houses, Ports Forest etc were engaged in the exercise.

The exercise aimed to assess the efficacy and robustness of the coastal security mechanism while dealing with asymmetric threat emanating from the sea.

Indian Naval Ships along with assets of the Coast Guard and other coastal security agencies were deployed to augment surveillance in the area.

Enhanced security measures were instituted and extensive aerial surveillance undertaken by Dornier aircraft and helicopters operating from Visakhapatnam, Chennai and Ramnathapuram.

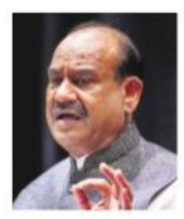
The exercise was closely monitored at Joint Operations Centre (East) at Visakhapatnam which is the nodal hub for all coastal security operations and exercises in the area of operations.

The exercise witnessed close coordination and synergy among all coastal security stakeholders.

'India doesn't support terrorism in any form'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AT the ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20), India has categorically left a message to its counterparts that the country maintains zero tolerance against terrorism and will never allow any terrorist activity against another country on its soil, Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** said on Sunday.



"India has a clear stand against terrorism. Not an iota of compromise is done against terrorism and India never supported, nor will it support, terrorism in any form," he said at a press conference. He was responding to a question on whether the G20 countries had raised the issue of any Indians pursuing separatist activities abroad.

Birla went on to say that India never tolerated any form of terrorism, whether it is in the form of religion or caste. "Terrorism is terrorism, and no form of terror will find any support in India. This is the clear government policy," Birla clarified.

Replying to another query, he said that 13 bilateral meetings were held with the speakers and other presiding officers from G20 nations and others invited, during the P20 Summit.

He also said that as many as 436 delegates, including presiding officers of 27 nations and 49 MPs participated in the 2-day summit that concluded on October 14. He claimed that among all the P20 summits, the ninth summit drew the maximum attendance so far and a consensus on the joint statement was the key highlight.

India, hosting the P20 Summit, has offered to set up an expert group on legislative drafting, as this is an area in which the Indian Parliament has considerable expertise and has organised training sessions for parliaments of several countries.

ACCIDENTAL

Jawan hurt in LoC landmine explosion

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AN army man was injured on Sunday in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in the border district of Rajouri in J&K.

During routine patrol duty along the LoC, rifleman Gurucharan Singh accidentally stepped over a landmine, said a police official. The army man sustained splinter injuries in the explosion.

He was taken to a nearby military hospital from where he was airlifted to Udhampur for specialised treatment.

The army has planted landmines along the forward areas at the LoC to prevent infiltration of terrorists from across the border.

However, due to heavy downpour, the landmines on occasions get dislocated from their original place, causing accidental blasts.

SAHITYA AWARDEE DIES

Sahitya Akademi award winner and veteran journalist from Jammu and Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Khayal died on Sunday. He was 85. Khayal was awarded for his book 'Gaashik Minaar' and has authored over 30 books

2 PEDDLERS HELD WITH 239 KG POPPY STRAW IN J-K

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	25	Mumbai	35	27
Bhopal	35	20	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	35	22	Patna	35	25
Amritsar	30	18	Lucknow	38	23
Chennai	31	27	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	34	25	Imphal	28	16
Srinagar	21	08	Chandigarh	36	19

■ A different battle for saffron party as it refuses to project CM's face ■ Rebels threaten Cong candidates' prospects in Madhya Pradesh

Protests rage as BJP fields 7 MPs for Rajasthan polls

> The BJP may field more MPs or Union ministers... The party's Parliamentary Board is the supreme body to decide the ticket distribution and whatever the board has decided will soon be revealed
>
> CP Joshi, state BJP chief

Oppn from within BJP

The BJP leadership in the past has not faced such a significant internal opposition. The reason is that the party, in a break from tradition, has not announced a contender for the post of chief minister

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE BJP's decision to nominate seven MPs in its initial list of candidates for the Rajasthan assembly elections appears to be causing problems for the party. Most MPs fielded in various constituencies are facing protests.

In Jaipur on Saturday, a march was organised in the Jhotwara constituency in support of senior leader and former minister Rajpal Singh, who was dropped from the list, and former Union Minister and MP from Jaipur Rural **Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore**, who was nominated in his place. More than 300 supporters of Rajpal Singh joined the procession and decided to intensify their protests.

Even before this procession, opposition had emerged to the nomination of Rajyavardhan. On the night of October 9, immediately after the BJP released its first candidate list, Rajpal Singh visited the former chief minister Vasundhara Raje's residence and chanted slogan 'Rajyavardhan Singh go back.' The next day, Rajpal's supporters also protested at the BJP headquarters in Jaipur.

Similarly, following the denial of the ticket from Vidyadharnagar, the son of ex-CM Bhairo Singh Shekhawat Narpat Singh Rajvi expressed his dissatisfaction openly. Diya Kumari, an MP from the former royal family of Jaipur, has been nominated in his place.

Similarly, opposition is growing against the nomination of MP Devji Patel in Sanchore. Previously, former MLA Jeevaram Chaudhary and former candidate Danaram Chaudhary, who were competing for this seat, had expressed their dissent. Reportedly, Jeevaram and Danaram are now working together to challenge Devji Patel in this election.

State party chief CP Joshi has not ruled out the possibility of fielding more MPs. "The party's Parliamentary Board is of course the supreme body to decide the ticket distribution and whatever the board has decided will soon be revealed."

The BJP leadership in the past has not faced such a significant internal opposition. The reason is that the party, in a break from tradition, has not announced a contender for the post of chief minister, which was historically held by Vasundhara Raje Scindia.

Unrest surfaces in Cong after first list for MP

> OBCs form 70% of Tikamgarh. Still on all three unreserved seats, Congress fielded candidates from a particular upper caste. This exposes the hollowness in their newfound love for backward castes
>
> Ajay Singh Yadav, Congress leader

Crisis in Mandsaur

In Mandsaur district, a major section of Congress is annoyed over fielding Rakesh Patidar as candidate from Suvasara seat. Local Congress leader Balu Singh Tarnod has announced to contest against him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

UNREST has hit opposition Congress in many parts of poll-bound Madhya Pradesh after the party released its first list of 144 candidates on Sunday.

Protests and resignations by workers and leaders have been reported from Sagar, Datia, Ujjain, Satna, Gwalior, Chhatarpur and Panna districts. In Satna district, annoyed over the denial of nomination and instead fielding 2018 rebel candidate **Rashmi Singh Patel**, former MLA Yadvendra Singh quit the Congress and joined the BSP. He is likely to contest from Nagod.

Also, peeved over no OBC leader being fielded from any of the three unreserved seats of Tikamgarh district (Tikamgarh, Prithvipur and Khargapur), state Congress's media department's vice-chairman Ajay Singh Yadav resigned from all party posts.

"OBCs form 70% of Tikamgarh. Still on all three unreserved seats, Congress fielded candidates from a particular upper caste. This exposes the hollowness in the Congress' newfound love for backward castes," Ajay Singh Yadav said.

In the neighbouring Sagar district, the second-time district panchayat member Sharda Khatik (who was in the race for the party ticket from Naryaoli-SC seat) also quit the party against the nomination of ex-minister and former MLA Surendra Chowdhary, despite him losing the Naryaoli seat thrice in the past.

Congress workers protested outside the district party office in Datia district against the nomination of former BJP leader Avdhesh Nayak after denying a chance to former MLA Rajendra Bharti against state Home Minister and sitting MLA Narottam Mishra. The agitated party workers set ablaze the effigy of the newly declared Congress candidate.

In Indore, party workers set ablaze the effigy of Indore-4 candidate Raja Mandhwani, dubbing him a weak candidate as well as alleging that he would offer no challenge to the third-time sitting BJP MLA and ex-Indore mayor Malini Gaur.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said three-time former Dhar MP Gajendra Singh Rajukhedi too is dejected over the manner in which tickets have been distributed in Dhar district.

MUMBAI DIARY

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'People like Sharad Pawar, not nephew Ajit'

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), sources say, had conducted several surveys to gauge public opinion after its former senior leader Ajit Pawar revolted and joined the BJP and Shiv Sena alliance led by Eknath Shinde with the majority of NCP MLAs. The surveys have claimed that most of the NCP's core voters support Sharad Pawar than Ajit Pawar and relate the NCP with the former. Seventy per cent respondents believe that Sharad Pawar-led NCP is 'pro-Maratha' compared to the ruling alliance. The Assembly polls are slated for next year and there is more at stake for NCP and Shiv Sena as both faced infighting.

Ajit Pawar's wings clipped by Shinde?

Though Ajit Pawar, leader of the faction supporting Maha-Yuti (ruling alliance) has got the Deputy CM's post along with some plump portfolios, his wings seem to be clipped. CM Eknath Shinde has instructed officials that all files from Ajit's office should not come directly but routed through senior BJP leader and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis. Recently, Ajit was instructed by Shinde's office to call meetings only for those related to his portfolios. Shinde, who was fearing losing his say in the government when Ajit joined the ruling alliance, is working towards cementing this position by taking the help of Fadnavis.

Race to rule BMC without holding of elections

Maha Yuti (ruling alliance) seems to be trying to control Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Asia's richest civic body, whose elections are still due. BJP MLA Mangal Prabhat Lodha, who is guardian minister of Mumbai suburb, has opened his office at BMC's heritage building, the first time ever by an individual since the formation of the civic body. He was followed by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena MLA and guardian minister of Mumbai city Deepak Kesarkar. Now, deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar-led NCP is also planning to have its office for its minister in the same building.

ROAD ACCIDENT

12 dead as bus rams into truck on Maha e-way

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

TWELVE people, including a five-year-old girl, died and 23 people were left seriously injured after the driver of a mini bus allegedly lost control and rammed a container truck on the Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Mahamarg in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district on Sunday.

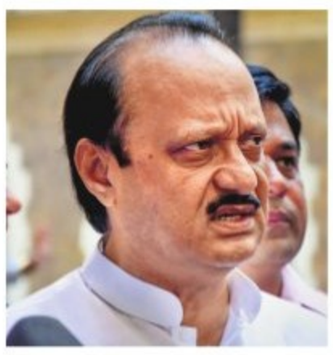
According to police, the accident took place on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday when 35 members of a family from Nashik were returning home after paying a visit to the Sailani Baba Dargah in Buldhana.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced ₹5 lakh financial help to close family members of the victims while the state government will take the responsibility of medical treatment of injured passengers.

Aurangabad superintendent of police Maneesh Kalwaniya said, "The container stopped on the highway and it was stationed on the fourth lane of the highway. However, its wheels were still on the third lane and it appears that the driver of the mini bus could not gauge that, due to which he went and rammed the container."

Ajit wanted police land for bizman, says former top cop

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai



Ajit Pawar not named in book

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FORMER Maharashtra top cop Meeran Chadha Borwankar in her book 'Madam Commissioner – The Extraordinary Life of India Police chief' has alleged that, when she was police commissioner of Pune, Ajit Pawar had pressurised her to release the police land around Yerwada Prison to the private builder at a price lower than market rate.

Borwankar has not named Ajit Pawar in the book. The person is referred as 'Dada' and 'guardian minister' of Pune. But as per the record, when Borwankar took the charge of Pune police commissioner in July 2010, Ajit Pawar was the guardian minister of Pune in the Congress-NCP government. At present, Ajit Pawar is deputy chief minister and guardian minister of Pune in the BJP-led government in Maharashtra.

"I met the guardian minister at the divisional commissioner office where he was having the map of Yerwada prison in his hand and asked me that this particular government land auction has been done so the hand over process should be completed. However, informed the guardian minister that this land is at the centre of the Pune so it will not be appropriate to give such an important land parcel to a private person. Besides, this land can be used for police offices and quarters and in future, the government will not get such land as well," she wrote in her book.

Borwankar further wrote that despite her reservations about giving the government land to private persons the guardian minister insisted. "I told him that I just took charge of Pune CP so it will not be appropriate from her side to take such a decision. This decision will be pursued differently therefore she is not in favour of it. Then, the guardian minister threw the copy of the map on the table. I saluted him and left the office. He also used objectionable words against late home minister RR Patil that I cannot even write here," stated in the book.

Speaking over the development, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar said, "I have never participated in any government land auction. I wish to clarify that the guardian minister has no right of auctioning any government land. Therefore, I have nothing to do with these auctions or proceedings. These rights are with the revenue department and the cabinet takes the final decision. Besides, the government land is always sold at the government rate."

"Actually, I always oppose such kind of land auctions. I am someone who takes the government side. If anyone has doubts, it can be verified by government officers," he said.

Ahead of LS polls, BJP extends Bengal outreach via 1,000 puja pandals

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

Aiming to use Bengal's biggest religious festival as an outreach drive in the run up to the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, the BJP has decided to organise at least 25 Durga Pujas in districts and set a target for its leaders to be involved in over 1,000 existing Pujas across the state this year.

Eyeing to breach TMC's hegemony in organising Pujas, the saffron camp has decided to organise the event in different banners and earmarked 1,000-odd existing pujas where party leaders play active role, said a BJP leader.

"Our leaders will play active roles to organise inaugural programmes and cultural events during the festival. They will also use the Puja platform to aware people of the success stories of the Narendra Modi government," said a BJP leader.

The decision of the BJP's Bengal chapter to involve its leaders in the Durga Puja was taken after Union Home minister Amit Shah agreed to visit the state capital on Monday and inaugurate a Puja at Santosh Mitra Square in central Kolkata. The Prime Minister had also inaugurated a Durga Puja in Kolkata in October, 2020, virtually, which was organised by the party for the first time.

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BJP's national president J.P. Nadda is scheduled to visit Kolkata on October 20 on the occasion of the festival.

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Left to die by comrades, Maoist gets CRPF shoulders

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

An army helicopter awaits as the security personnel carry the Maoist | EXPRESS

Minor maoist may have been left dying

Prima facie, it appears that the Maoist, a minor, was critically injured in the IED blast and his squad members left him dying, he said. During search operation, one Maoist, was found lying on the ground groaning with pain who was first carried by the jawans on their shoulders to reach the helipad and taken to Hathiburu Camp of CRPF and given first aid and finally airlifted to Ranchi

SECURITY forces in Jharkhand trekked nearly five kilometers with a wounded Maoist on their shoulders dodging the IEDs so that his life could be saved. The Maoist was lying unattended on the ground after being abandoned by his squad in Kolhan jungles of West Singhbhum following an encounter with the security personnel on Saturday.

Notably, the Maoists have planted thousands of IEDs to check security forces entering into the jungles, due to which regular incidents of blasts are taking place during operations. Since November 2022, four security personnel have been killed while 28 others were critically injured, besides claiming lives of 11 civilians in IED blasts triggered by Maoists in Kolhan jungles.

According to police, following an encounter with Maoists, the security personnel found an injured Maoist groaning in pain who was abandoned by his squad in the forests.

"A gun battle of security forces with Maoists took place on Friday in Kolhan jungles of West Singhbhum, following which, massive search operation was launched in the area to trace rebels.

During search operation, one Maoist, a minor, was found lying on the ground groaning with pain. He was first carried by the jawans on their shoulders to reach the helipad after trekking nearly km and taken to Hathiburu Camp of CRPF and given first aid and finally airlifted to Ranchi," said West Singhbhum SP Ashutosh Shekher.

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The SP informed that the Maoists have planted thousands of IEDs across the entire region – which was dodged by the security personnel during the long trek carrying the injured Maoist to the CRPF camp. The operation is still on in Kolhan jungles to trace the Maoists, he said.

According to SP, despite the fact that Maoists have planted IEDs in the entire area, forces are advancing slowly into the jungles with full determination and have established several temporary security camps in their core areas.

The state police have launched a joint operation in Kolhan jungles in November 2022 after a tip-off that some of the senior Maoist leaders, including Misir Besra and Patiram Majhi alias Anal Da, are hiding in that forest stretch, which is said to be strategically important.

Militancy finally on the wane in J&K?

Only 10 join ranks this year, say police

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

WITH local militant recruitment in Kashmir falling to only 10 this year after touching the peak of 218 in 2018, security top brass have opined that militancy will wane due to less recruitment and cross-border elements will find it difficult to sustain terror activities in the union territory.

J&K police chief Dilbagh Singh has disclosed that only 10 local youth joined militancy in Kashmir this year.

Of the 10 new recruits, six were killed in encounters with security forces. In 2022, about 100 local youth had joined militant ranks and 65 new recruits were killed in the encounters.

According to police data, 128 youth had joined militancy in 2021, 167 in 2020, 119 in 2019, 218 in 2018, 128 in 2017 and 88 in 2016. The militant recruitment in the Valley had picked up after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander and poster boy of new age militant Burhan Wani in an encounter with security forces in July 2016.

The militant recruitment had touched the peak of 218 in 2018 and since then security agencies had been working to dissuade local youth from joining militancy.

"The considerable drop in militant recruitment is good news. The militancy will wane due to less local recruitment. And in such a scenario, Pakistan will find it difficult to sustain militancy in the region," former J&K Police chief S P Vaid told this newspaper.

He said there are many reasons for drop in local recruitment including the prevailing turmoil in Pakistan.

"Pakistan's internal situation is very bad and this has disillusioned people, especially youth and they are now moving away from militancy and violence. The youth of Kashmir are very intelligent and they know what is the situation in Pakistan and what can they gain from it," he said.

The former J&K police chief said the security grid is very strong and security forces have gone all out against the militants within J&K. "Besides, the anti-infiltration grid at the LoC and International Border has been strengthened and infiltration bids are being foiled by troops , thus preventing infiltration of militants into J&K".

The authorities, he said, have also successfully countered the radicalization of youth being done by Pakistan and its sponsored agencies.

34
children brought back to Russia from refugee camps in Syria

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

In a first call with Palestinian Prez, Biden talks support for aid to Gaza

Linking the crisis in Gaza to different versions of hate, the US Prez urges for violence to be stopped

RIYADH

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Saturday spoke with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, urging the leaders to allow humanitarian aid to the region and affirmed his support for efforts to protect civilians.

Addressing a Human Rights Campaign dinner Saturday in Washington, Biden linked the humanitarian crisis in Gaza to different versions of hate that he said must be stopped.

"A week ago, we saw hate manifest another way in the worst massacre of the Jewish people since the Holocaust," Biden said, citing the 1,300 lives lost in Israel as well as children, grandparents alike kidnapped, held hostage by Hamas. "The humanitarian crisis in Gaza—innocent Palestinian families and the vast majority that have nothing to do with Hamas—they're being used as human shields," he said. "We have to reject hate in every

form."

While the US President has spoken to Netanyahu multiple times since the Hamas attack, Saturday's call was his first to Abbas, who runs the Palestinian Authority which controls the West Bank.

According to a readout of the call, Abbas briefed the president on efforts to bring aid to Palestinian people, particularly in Gaza. Biden reiterated to Abbas that "Hamas does not stand for the Palestinian people's right to dignity and self-determination," according to the readout.

Biden spoke with Netanyahu to "reiterate unwavering US support for Israel," as per the readout. He briefed the Israeli leader on regional efforts to ensure civilian access to food, water and medical care.

The weekend calls in Washington came ahead of Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin's announcement that the United States was moving up a second carrier strike group in support of Israel. Secretary of State Antony Blinken intensified diplomatic outreach across the Middle East and beyond to rally an international response to prevent the Israel-Hamas war from expanding.

The number of US citizens killed rose to 29, US officials said on Satutday, and 15 were unaccounted for, and one lawful permanent resident. *AP*

Water has run out at UN shelters across Gaza as thousands packed into the courtyard of the besieged territory's largest hospital as a refuge of last resort from a looming Israeli ground offensive. Doctors feared for the patients' lives dependent on ventilators and those suffering from complex blast wounds needing around-the-clock care. Doctors are worried that entire hospital facilities would be shut and many would die as the last of fuel stocks powering their generators came close to running out. UN humanitarian monitors estimated this could happen by Monday | AP

Injured people receiving treatment after a powerful earthquake in Herat province in western Afghanistan on Sunday | AP

6.3 magnitude quake shakes same region of Afghanistan a week later

HERAT

A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same province.

The latest quake's epicentre was 33 kilometres northwest of Herat city and was followed by aftershocks of magnitudes 5.4, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, the United States Geological Survey said.

Save the Children said four persons have died and that Herat Regional Hospital has received 153 injured. Everything in the Baloch area of Rabat Sangi district has collapsed. Several villages have been destroyed. Authorities have given lower casualty numbers.

Sayed Kazim Rafiqi, 42, a Herat city resident, said he had never seen such devastation before with the majority of houses damaged and "people terrified." Rafiqi and others headed to the hospital to donate much-needed blood.

"We have to help in any way possible," he said.

Residents in the provincial capital Herat city had just begun returning to their homes, after days of sleeping outside fearing aftershocks, when the latest earthquake hit around 8.00 am on Sunday.

Officials said more than 528 prisoners had been released from Herat province and neighbouring Badghis province because jails "were in danger of collapsing" from quake damage. The Prisons *Agencies*

China, Pakistan to ink vital deals under CPEC projects during PM's Beijing visit

ISLAMABAD

CHINA and Pakistan will ink significant agreements regarding motorways and highways during caretaker PM Anwaarul Haq Kakar's four-day visit to Beijing starting today.

The agreements would be signed under the $60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) programme, *Dawn* reported.

Kakar would travel to Beijing on October 16 to participate in the Third Belt and Road Forum (BRF) for International Cooperation from October 17 to 18.

"The prime minister will attend the opening ceremony of the BRF and address the high-level forum entitled Connectivity in an Open Global Economy," the PM office said in a post on X on Saturday.

A significant Memorandum of Understanding scheduled to be signed is related to the establishment of a modern Highway Research and Training Centre (HRTC) with China's assistance, the paper said. The project will prominently take centre stage during the prime minister's discussion with the Chinese authorities, it added.

Kakar will also sign an MoU to upgrade Karakoram Highway (KKH) from Raikot to Thakot, Raikot to Khunjerab (335 km), KKH phase-2 on the E-35 section from Havelian to Thakot, covering 120 km and introduction of a motorway section connecting Havelian to Mansehra.

In the second phase of the KKH project, the official said, the road would be designed in a way that it would remain operational around the year, especially in winter when it is closed due to heavy snowfall.

The Prime Minister will also discuss the construction of a motorway from Dera Ismail Khan to Zhob, while the Gwadar port will remain the centre of discussion during the meetings in Beijing. *PTI*

REFERENDUM LOSS

OZ AIMS TO LIFT INDIGENOUS LIVING STANDARDS

CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA will look for new ways to lift Indigenous living standards after voters soundly rejected a proposal to create a new advocacy committee, the deputy PM said on Sunday.

Every state and mainland territory apart from Australian Capital Territory voted against a proposal to enshrine in the constitution an Indigenous Voice to Parliament to advocate on behalf of the country's most disadvantaged ethnic minority. Deputy PM Richard Marles said his government remained committed to improving Indigenous welfare to close the eight-year gap in average life expectancies between Indigenous Australians and the wider community.

"In terms of exactly what the precise steps forward are from here is a matter that we need to take some time to work through and I think people can understand that," Marles told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "Coming out of this referendum there is a greater call for action on closing the gap," Marles added.

Indigenous Voice campaigners were flying Aboriginal flags at half-staff across Australia on Sunday as a mark of their disappointment. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Six killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine

Kyiv: Six people have been killed in Russian attacks on Ukraine in the past 24 hours, local officials said on Sunday. Two persons were killed and three more injured in the Kherson area after more than 100 shells bombarded the region over the weekend.

Nawaz's party granted permission for rally

Lahore: Pakistan's district administration has given permission to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party to hold a rally on October 21 at Lahore's Minar-e-Pakistan where ex-PM Nawaz Sharif will address supporters on his return.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property as described below and is in negotiations with **Ms. Pranita Subhash, D/o. Mr. Subhash**, the owner of the Schedule Property. In case if any person/s has/have any claims of any kind whatsoever, they are hereby instructed to make their claims to the undersigned within 7(Seven) days from the date of publication of this Notice failing which the proposed transaction shall be completed without any reference to such claim(s) and such claim(s) shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 155, Rajanakunte Village Panchayath Khatha No. 521/584/155, situated in the layout known as "Prestige North-West County" situated at Adde Vishwanathapura Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, (being the site carved out of the converted land in Sy. No. 60/2 (of Adde Vishwanathapura Village) measuring on the East 75 (Seventy-Five) Feet, on the West 75 (Seventy-Five) Feet, on the North 125 (One Hundred and Twenty-Five) Feet and on the South 125 (One Hundred and Twenty-Five) Feet and totally admeasuring in all 9375 Sq.Ft (Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Square Feet) and **Bounded on:** East BY - 40 Feet Road in "Prestige North-West County", West by - Property No. 156 in "Prestige North-West County" North by - Road in "Prestige North-West County" South by – Property No. 154 in "Prestige North-West County".

Sd/-
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU CITY (C.C.C.H. No. 89)
COM.O.S. No. 838/2023
BETWEEN
Sri M.N. SHIVARAM aged 61 years
S/o Late M. Nanjundaiah, residing at No. 398, Ram Iyengar Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 004. ..... Plaintiff
AND
Smt. SHANTA M. MEHTA ..... Defendant
Summons to Defendant
Smt. SHANTA M. MEHTA aged 66 years W/o Late Misrimal,carrying on business at shop No. 7, Ground Floor, No. 531/1, Chandra Building, Avenue Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. And also at : Residing at No. 104, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted the aforesaid suit against you for ejectment and recovery of arrears of rent, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or you shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all material question on the 23rd day of November month of 2023 (23-11-2023) at 11.00 AM to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed off in your absence ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable shop premises bearing shop No. 7, situated in the ground floor of the building known as "CHANDRA BUILDING" bearing Municipal No. 531/1, Avenue Road, Bengaluru, measuring East to West - 10.9 Feet and North to South - 17 feet and bounded on East by Shop No.6, West by Shop No. 8, North by Private Property; South by Common Passage Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 7th day of October 2023.

Advocate for Plaintiff
H.S. Somnath (Kar/2643/2000)
No. GF 4, Ground Floor, 'Sampurna Chambers' Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560 004.

By order of the court.
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

FORM NO. 16 [See Regulation 34(3)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560001

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
DRC NO. 282/2019(Out of OA no.1429/2018)

TO,
Sri Paritosh Kumar, Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch -II, Bangalore-1.
Between:
Canara Bank ARM Branch- II .... Applicant/Certificate Holder
and
M/s Mehboob Trade Links & others ...Defendants/ Certificate Debtors
1. M/s Mehboob Trade Links, A Partnership firm, Rep by its partner - Mr. Abdul Salam Having its place of business at No. 13/2/F, Deepanjali Nagar, PP Industrial Tower, Mysore Road, Bangalore 560026
2. Mr. Abdul Salam (Partner/Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 36 years, R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru -560026
3. Mrs.Shabnam Afroz (Partner/Guarantor) W/o Abdul Salam, Aged about 30 years R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru-560026
4. Mr. Mohammad Akmal (Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 26 years, R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru -560026
5. Mr. Mohammed illias (Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 39 years R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru -560026 ...Certificate Debtors
WHEREAS M/s Mehboob Trade Links & other, the certificate debtors herein were ordered by the Recovery Certificate of this Tribunal passed on the **30th day of May 2019** in **O.A. NO. 1429/2018** to pay to the Applicant Bank/F.I **Rs.2,33,76,905/-** plus interest and costs, being the sum as noted below, and whereas the said amount has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details (Rs)
Principal	Rs. 2,33,76,905.00
Interest from 29/09/18 to 31/10/2019	Rs. 55,04,772.00
Costs	Rs. 2,02,433.00
Further Interest from 01/11/2019 - till realisation	----
Total	**Rs. 2,90,84,110.00**

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment to hold the same untill further orders from the Recovery Officer.
You are further commanded to return this warrant on or before the **02nd of Dec 2019** With an endorsement certifying the day on which and manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.107, previously the said site under the limits of Gramathana Horamavu Village, Now it comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, with the assignment of Khatha no. 7/154/6 of Mahadevapura range of Horamaavu village and site measuring about East to west on the Northern side 70 ft. and Southern Side 76.06 ft. North to South 40 ft. and measuring 2930 sq.ft. and with a residential building standing thereon and bounded on **East by:** Kalkere Village lands; **West by :** 25 ft Road; **North by :** Site No.6; **South by :** Site No. 8 & 9
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal at Bangalore on the **21st Day of Nov, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER 2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 1, BENGALURU

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

[UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961]
NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
RC NO.866/2018 (Out of OA no. 676/2017)

To,
Sri Paritosh Kumar, Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch -II, Bangalore-1.
Between:
Canara Bank ARM Branch- II ...Applicant/Certificate Holder
And
Smt. Shivalingamma & Others ...Defendants/ Certificate Debtors
1. Smt. Shivalingamma, W/o Jagadish
2. Smt. Laxmamma, W/o Late Krishnamurthy
3. Sri Jagadish K, S/o Late Krishnamurthy
All are residing at No. 542, 1st Cross, Kalikanagar, Andrahalli Main Road Sooleme Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560091.
Also At: No.316, Sri Sai Nilaya, Kodipalaya, Near KBC PU College, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060 ...Certificate Debtors
Whereas in execution of Certificate no. **866/2018 dated 13/07/2018** drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal 1, Bangalore, the under signed has ordered the sale of under mentioned immovable property.
You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No. 17/1 old assessment no. 17, BBMP khata no. 986, Site no. 542, East to west 40 feet, North to south 15 feet, Andrahalli Village, Yashwantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on
East by : Property of others; **West by :** Road ; **North by:** Site no. 541; **South by:** Remaining portion of the same property.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this **15 day of Oct, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER- 1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 2, BENGALURU

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

[UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961]
NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
RC NO.282/2019 (Out of OA no.1429/2018)

Between:
Canara Bank ARM Branch- II .... Applicant/Certificate Holder
and
M/s Mehboob Trade Links & others ...Defendants/ Certificate Debtors
To:
1. M/s Mehboob Trade Links, A Partnership firm, Rep by its partner - Mr. Abdul Salam Having its place of business at No. 13/2/F, Deepanjali Nagar, PP Industrial Tower, Mysore Road, Bangalore 560026
2. Mr. Abdul Salam (Partner/Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 36 years, R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru -560026
3. Mrs.Shabnam Afroz (Partner/Guarantor) W/o Abdul Salam, Aged about 30 years R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru-560026
4. Mr. Mohammad Akmal (Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 26 years, R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru -560026
5. Mr. Mohammed illias (Guarantor) S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Aged about 39 years R/at no. 53, 2-1, 1st A cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road Bengaluru -560026 ...Certificate Debtors
Whereas in execution of Certificate **No. 282/2019 dated 30/05/2019** drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal 1, Bangalore, the under signed has ordered the sale of under mentioned immovable property.
You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.107, previously the said site under the limits of Gramathana Horamavu Village, Now it comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, with the assignment of Khatha no. 7/154/6 of Mahadevapura range of Horamaavu village and site measuring about East to west on the Northern side 70 ft. and Southern Side 76.06 ft. North to South 40 ft. and measuring 2930 sq.ft. and with a residential building standing thereon and bounded on **East by:** Kalkere Village lands; **West by :** 25 ft Road; **North by :** Site No.6; **South by :** Site No. 8 & 9
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal at Bangalore on the **21st Day of Nov, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER 2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 1, BENGALURU

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/138/2021
CANARA BANK
Versus
SRI BADARI NARAYANA N R AND ANOTHER

To
(CH 1) CANARA BANK, Kannamangala Branch, No 86, Kannamangala Village and Post Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore-562110. ...CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
(CD 1) SRI BADARI NARAYANA N R S/o Sri Ramdas, No 828 15th Cross 2nd B Main, BEL Layout, Bangalore -560091
(CD 2) SMT ROOPA H R, W/o Yuvaraj Kumar K.R., R/at No.E-153, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Lakshmidevinagar, Laggere, Bangalore-560058 ...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS
This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-2) in **OA/168/2019** an amount of **Rs. 25,41,855 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousands Eight Hundred Fifty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 8.95% compounded monthly w.e.f. **17/11/2018** and costs till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally) 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 05/01/2022.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)

FORM NO. 16 [See Regulation 34(3)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560001

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
RC NO.866/2018 (Out of OA no. 676/2017)

To,
Sri Paritosh Kumar, Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch -II, Bangalore-1.
Between:
Canara Bank ARM Branch- II .... Certificate Holder
and
Smt. Shivalingamma & Others ...Defendants/ Certificate Debtors
1. Smt. Shivalingamma, W/o Jagadish
2. Smt. Lakshmamma, W/o Late Krishnamurthy
3. Sri Jagadish K, S/o Late Krishnamurthy
All are residing at No. 542, 1st Cross, Kalikanagar, Andrahalli Main Road Sooleme Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560091
Also At: No.316, Sri Sai Nilaya, Kodipalaya, Near KBC PU College, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060 ...Certificate Debtors
WHEREAS Smt. Shivalingamma & Others, the certificate debtors herein were ordered by the Recovery Certificate of this Tribunal passed on the **13th day of July 2018** in **O.A. NO. 676/2017** to pay to the Applicant Bank/F.I **Rs. 61,59,393/-** plus interest and costs, being the sum as noted below, and whereas the said amount has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details (Rs)
Principal	Rs. 61,59,393 .00
Interest from 12/07/17 to 30/09/2019	Rs. 30,82,359.00
Costs	Rs. 94,750.00
Further Interest from 01/10/2019 - till realisation	----
Total	**Rs. 93,36,602.00**

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment to hold the same untill further orders from the Recovery Officer.
You are further commanded to return this warrant on or before the **01st of Nov, 2019** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTIES

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 2, BENGALURU

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₹9,800 cr have been pulled out by foreign portfolio investors from Indian equities this month so far.

Know about joint bank account, how it works and benefits

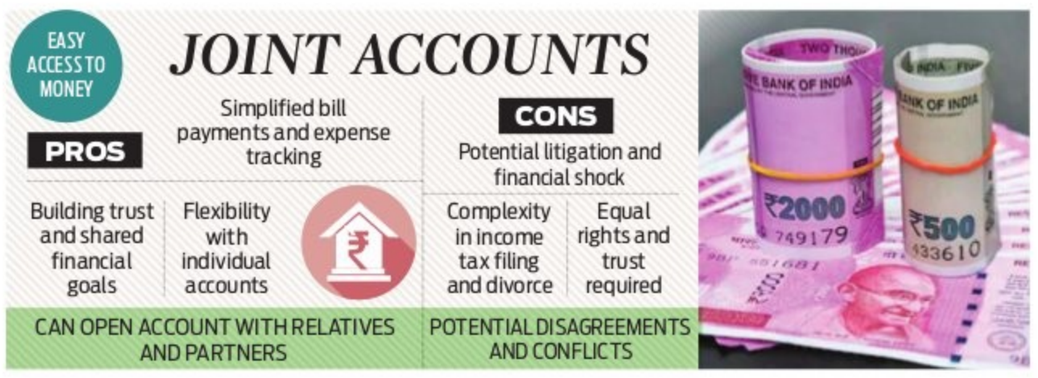
Trust factor plays an important role in a joint account as all account holders have equal rights and when required, they can close the account

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

A joint account is like a shared bank account between two people or more, with most banks allowing up to four people to be the joint account holders. It has several benefits, one being it allows easy access to money through debit cards and online banking. Additionally, it simplifies bill payments and helps track expenses.

For couples, financial experts recommend having three accounts. Each partner maintains their own individual account where their income goes, and they transfer a predetermined amount to a joint account regularly. The joint account is used for shared expenses like rent, utilities, groceries, and entertainment. It can also be used for saving money together, such as for emergencies, vacations, or future goals. Having individual accounts allow personal spending and saving without needing to consult the partner every time. It's important to trust each other when depositing money into a joint account, as all account holders have equal rights and can close the account if needed.

Overall, getting a joint account can help couples manage their finances, build trust, and work together towards shared financial goals. Joint accounts can be opened with your parent, spouse, sibling, child or even a business partner.


JOINT ACCOUNTS
EASY ACCESS TO MONEY
PROS
Simplified bill payments and expense tracking
Building trust and shared financial goals
Flexibility with individual accounts
CONS
Potential litigation and financial shock
Complexity in income tax filing and divorce
Equal rights and trust required
CAN OPEN ACCOUNT WITH RELATIVES AND PARTNERS
POTENTIAL DISAGREEMENTS AND CONFLICTS

Kinds of joint accounts

When you open a joint account at a bank, there are some important things to know. Each person has the right to deposit, withdraw, and manage the money in the account. Even though one person may have more control over the account, all account holders have equal rights to the money once it's deposited. It's also important to trust the other account holders because anyone can close the joint account if they want to. This means that when you deposit your hard-earned money into the joint account, you need to trust that the other account holders will handle it responsibly. The way a joint account is operated can be decided by the account holders. There are different options to choose from:

Joint: All transactions in the account must be approved and signed by all the account holders. If one of the account holders dies, the account will be closed, and the bank will pass on the balance in the account to the survivor.

Joint or survivor: All transactions in the account must be approved and signed by all the account holders. If one of the account holders dies, the survivor can continue to operate the account.

Either or survivor: If there are two account holders, either person can operate the account. If one of the account holders passes away, the remaining balance and interest will go to the survivor.

Former or survivor: In this case, only one person, the former, can operate the account while they are alive. After their death, the survivor can take over. If the survivor dies first, the account will be operated solely by the former, and the legal representative of the survivor won't have access to the account.

Anyone or survivor/s: If there are more than two account holders, any of them can operate the account. If one of the account holders passes away, the remaining balance and interest will be given to the surviving account holders.

These mandates can be changed with the agreement of all account holders.

Additionally, if someone wants to authorise another person to operate the account on their behalf, they can give a mandate or power of attorney to the bank.

For fixed-term deposits, instructions can be given about whether to close the account or renew it when it matures.

Pros and Cons

Joint accounts have both advantages and disadvantages. According to Jitendra Solanki, a Sebi-registered investment advisor, "Benefit of Joint account is ease of accessing money when in need. Also, it helps couples to track their cash flows well when expenses are planned jointly. Ideally couples when planning their finances can open a joint account to manage expenses like loan, EMIs. Even NRIs are now allowed to open a joint account with a resident Indian."

But while opening a joint account, you may be exposing yourself to litigation and even financial shock. What if one of your partners in the joint account defaults on a loan or indulges in illegal activities leading to seizure of the joint account. "Joint accounts can be complicated for income tax filing and divorce. It will be cumbersome to find money trail for tax purposes from a joint account," Solanki added.

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

WHY YOUR MONEY NEEDS TIME THAN TIMING

IT is a time of conflict. After events that shook Israel last weekend, things have flared up in the Middle East. Israel's retaliatory action has put the Gaza Strip in a severe humanitarian crisis. The world was barely making adjustments to the ongoing strife in Ukraine. The new conflict will also likely hurt your money in the long run. Oil and gold prices were quick to react on the way up.

When panic sets in, investors tend to look for safe havens. The US dollar has strengthened significantly against major currencies. All of that puts pressure on global inflation. Central banks raise interest rates or keep them elevated to combat inflationary pressures. That increases the cost of money for individuals and businesses. It could start in areas directly affected by the conflict first. The pain spreads eventually.

The Reserve Bank of India has maintained high-interest rates in India. That is needed to cool down the consumer price inflation in the economy. Your money needs faster economic growth but does not need high inflation. As India heads into a general election in May 2024, there will be further uncertainty on policies as significant decisions will be put on hold.

Many of you investing regularly through mutual funds are quick to press panic buttons. Money is pulled out of risky assets like small and mid-cap stocks. However, mutual funds are a vehicle for the long term. Yet, the Association of Mutual Funds data in India shows that most of you are trying to time the market. Look for a point when prices are low and exit sooner than needed. When there is a threat of war and fear, many of you tend to sell equity assets. While that may be the right thing to do to protect your savings, you need to look for the impact of such a situation carefully before acting on it.

Equity prices move in cycles. They bounce back after they fall. We saw that in the aftermath of COVID-19. A key driver for equity prices is underlying listed companies' business and profit growth. If that is likely consistent, then there is no need for any panic selloff. Your equity assets are meant for the long term. You should not indulge in timing the market. Your equity investment requires time to grow. For that, they need to ride through the market cycles.

Warren Buffett, the legendary American investor, used to say that you should be greedy when others are fearful and fear when others are greedy. Equity markets are not meant for making fast money. No investment is meant for doubling it in quick time. Anybody who promises or says that you can invest and multiply your money in 3-4 years is trying to fool you.

We often talk about the benefits of the power of compounding. If you invest in small amounts regularly for 15-20 years, you can achieve your financial goals and retire rich. However, if you look for the right time to enter or exit, you will end up trading in the market. Buying and selling of equity quickly does not usually result in wealth creation.

You must identify the right businesses and stay invested as long as possible. You can double up on your investments in times of conflict or panic. Taking a leaf out of Warren Buffett's book, you can get greedy when share prices fall in a panic situation. That strategy helps if you invest regularly and have surplus money in the bank. It also helps if you do not withdraw that investment often.

As an individual, it is not easy to keep up with the information that can affect your investments. You can certainly get help from a professional financial advisor to determine appropriate asset allocation. At the same time, some algorithms mine through a lot of information and help you build a portfolio. All major stock brokers offer you an opportunity to invest in a basket of stocks or mutual funds determined after mining data. In modern investment times, there can be no better idea.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SMALL AND MID-SIZED BAFS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

ASHOK KUMAR

Head of LKW-India. He can be reached at ceolotus@hotmail.com

(Views expressed here are personal)

IN my last column, we had commenced with a discussion on the category of Balanced Advantage Funds (BAF). Let us now proceed to turn the spotlight on a few randomly selected funds with relatively smaller AUMs in this space.

These include Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund, HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund, Nippon India Balanced Advantage Fund, Tata Balanced Advantage Fund, DSP Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund and Sundaram Balanced Advantage Fund.

Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹ 9,392 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 63% in Equity, 17% in Arbitrage and 20% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Financial Services, IT and Consumer goods sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period are 11.18%, 14.42% and 12.31%, respectively.

HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹1,374 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 47% in Equity, 20% in Arbitrage and 33% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Government Securities, Banks and Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 11.10%, 8.54% and 8.30%, respectively.

Nippon India Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹6,957 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 45% in Equity, 23% in Arbitrage and 32% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, IT Software and Diversified FMCG sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 10.62%, 13.98% and 10.26%, respectively.

Tata Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹7,476 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 51% in Equity, 15% in Arbitrage and 35% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Agricultural Food, Automobiles and Banks sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year and 3-year time period are 11.78% and 13.84%, respectively.

DSP Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund has an AUM of ₹3,398 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 40% in Equity, 25% in Arbitrage and 35% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Auto Components, Banks and Finance sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 9.32%, 9.30% and 8.76%, respectively.

Sundaram Balanced Advantage Fund has an AUM of ₹1,533 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 57% in Equity, 10% in Arbitrage and 33% in Debt. Its top equity holdings are in the Banks, IT Software and Automobiles sectors. The performances of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period are 9.52%, 11.75% and 10.16%, respectively.

While past records do not in any way guarantee future performance, the discernible trend hitherto is that BAFs have lived up to their positioning as a Fixed Deposit Plus product.

To select the right BAF that matches an investors specific requirement though, is best left to an expert.

IIHL asked to submit new plan for Rel Cap buy

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

The resolution of Reliance Capital insolvency case could hit a roadblock after the insurance regulator – Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) – rejected Hinduja Group-led IIHL's proposal to raise funds by pledging shares of Reliance General Insurance and Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.

IIHL, which emerged as the successful resolution applicant, wanted to raise this fund to acquire Reliance Capital.

Sources told TNIE that after the IRDAI rejection, Reliance Capital administrator has asked IIHL to submit a fresh application, along with the source of funds and the business plan which does not include the creation of pledge over the shares of the two insurance arms of the company. IRDAI has indicated that no application for change in control would be considered favourably if the source of the funds for the acquisition contemplates creation of pledge over the shares of an insurance company. Sources said that Hinduja Group had proposed to raise a debt of $850 million from the leading foreign funds and banks to fund the acquisition of Reliance Capital Ltd.

Hinduja Group had proposed to raise this debt against the assets of Reliance Capital, which primarily includes Reliance Capital's 100% stake in Reliance General Insurance and 51% stake in Reliance Nippon Life Insurance. These two assets constitute more than 90% of the value of Reliance Capital. IIHL had sought an approval from the Insurance Regulator for the change in control of the ownership of RGIC & RNLIC and creation of pledge over their shares to raise funds from the investors. IRDAI's approval is necessary for the completion of the successful resolution of Reliance Capital.

According to sources, IIHL was in talks with a clutch of US-based banks -- JP Morgan, Barclays Bank, Brookfield, Cerberus Capital, Apollo – as also Singapore's Oaktree for its $850 million fund raise. Lenders of Reliance Capital had voted in favour of the resolution plan submitted by IIHL with a 99.6% vote share. As per IIHL's resolution plan, the lenders will receive an upfront cash of ₹9,661 crore from Hinduja group-backed successful resolution applicant. Torrent Investment, which was also in the race to acquire the erstwhile Anil Ambani-led company, lost the bid to IIHL, after it stayed out of the second round of the auction. In the first round of auction, Torrent Investments had offered to pay ₹8,640 crore, while IIHL had put a bid of ₹ 8,110 crore. But both the amounts were far below the liquidation value (₹13,000 crore) of Reliance Capital.

Resolution plan

As per IIHL's resolution plan, the lenders will receive an upfront cash of ₹9,661 crore from Hinduja group-backed successful resolution applicant. Torrent Investment, which was also in the race to acquire the company, lost the bid to IIHL, after it stayed out of the second round of the auction.

Flipkart's shopping fest sees 1.4 bn visits

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

The 10th edition of The Big Billion Days (TBBD) witnessed 1.4 billion customer visits over early access and seven days of the shopping festival, which concluded on Sunday.

New on-app experiences such as Flippi (a Chat GPT-powered shopping assistant), Vibes (video-led browsing experience) and SPOYL (Gen Z Fashion experience), saw great traction, with about 4X increase in engagement compared to the pre-festive period, the ecommerce company said.

Kalyan Krishnamurthy, CEO, Flipkart Group, said the company created one lakh new job opportunities across supply chain, including fulfillment centers, sortation centers and delivery hubs.

Bengaluru, Hyderabad and New Delhi drove the highest demand for small appliances such as Juicer Mixer and Electric Kettles, and 4k Televisions in the large segment, the company said.

Bribe-for-jobs probe: TCS fires 16 employees

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After nearly six-months probe, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has concluded its investigation into the bribe-for-jobs scandal, and fired 16 employees.

In its filings to the exchanges, TCS on Sunday said its investigation found 19 employees to be involved and action has been taken against all of them. While 16 employees have been separated from the company for code of conduct violations, three employees have been removed from the Resource Management function. "Also, 6 vendor entities, their owners and affiliates have been debarred from doing any business with TCS," it said.

The company also said that it would continue to enhance its governance measures including regular rotation of personnel performing key roles in the Resource Management function and vendor management process audits, among others. "We would like to reiterate (i) that this does not involve any fraud by or against the Company and there is no financial impact; (ii) the issue relates to breach of Company's Code of Conduct by certain employees and vendors supplying contractors; and (iii) no key managerial person of the Company has been found to be involved," the company added. Earlier in June, in the company's AGM, TCS Chairman N Chandrasekaran had said the company received two whistleblower complaints towards end-February and March.

"The complaints were about certain favouritism being done and favours being received in recruitment of BAs(business associates)," he said.

Every game almost like a final: Cummins

Lucknow: Skipper Pat Cummins said Australia are fired up to perform against teams that they have done well against in the recent past. "We're obviously 0-2, so we've got to start winning and start winning quick. Every game now becomes almost like a final," Cummins said, on the eve of clash against Sri Lanka.

It felt really good to bowl them (Pakistan) out for 191 after they were 155/2. It's a great comeback as a bowling unit. We came hunting in pairs and captured a couple of wickets each. — Ravindra Jadeja, India all-rounder

Hosts' bowlers have been hunting in packs, thereby stifling rival batters and finding success in the process

India's potent bowling unit

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

MOHAMMED Siraj was candid on Saturday night. Inadvertently, he also described life as an elite-level cricketer. "When you go to office, you also have an off day sometimes," he said. "It cannot always be the same performance. The graph comes down. So, I think to myself that I am not a bad bowler because of one match," he added.

The query here was about him not being in rhythm in New Delhi and in the first spell in Ahmedabad. The point to note is that India have taken 28 wickets in three games so far in the World Cup. In fact, they have dismissed their opponents 15 times in 24 games in 2023. Such has been the impact created by the bowling unit that Siraj (33) and Kuldeep Yadav (38) are among the top three wicket-takers in ODIs this year. Hardik Pandya (21), Ravindra Jadeja (20) and Mohammed Shami (19) aren't far behind.

The aforementioned names in itself forms a bowling unit that would make many teams jealous. That's before you throw in one of the best at the moment — Jasprit Bumrah (16 in 8 innings this year) — along with R Ashwin (5 in 3 innings) and Shardul Thakur (20 in 14 games). Suffice to say that the hosts have the strongest bowling attack for subcontinental conditions.

Bumrah and Siraj are odds on to make a dent in the first ten overs. If they don't, Pandya or Kuldeep will. And when things are going against India, Thakur often seems to be the one to break partnerships. There aren't many spinners in the world who could provide the control that Jadeja and Ashwin would in Indian conditions. Their economy in the middle overs (10-40) since 2022 says it all — Siraj (4.91), Kuldeep (4.68), Bumrah (4.42) and Jadeja (4.64).

The thing is, they understand how good they are as a unit as well. They know what they are doing even when it might look like they are not on top. Take the Pakistan clash. Siraj and Rohit Sharma set up Abdullah Shafique's dismissal by pushing him on the back foot before bowling a fuller one. Later, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan were keeping the scorecard moving. Even then, Kuldeep and Jadeja provided immaculate control with their lines and lengths before pressure eventually caught up to the Pakistan duo. "I thought they would try to sweep as they are known to play that shot. But they didn't take a chance but that extra over that I bowled after discussing with the skipper, both wickets came in that over," Kuldeep said about the dismissals of Saud Shakeel and Iftikhar Ahmed.

Jasprit Bumrah has led from the front and is the leading wicket-taker so far

It is not just about Siraj, Kuldeep or Bumrah. They come in and hunt as a pack. On Saturday, barring Thakur, they shared the wickets equally among them. "If you don't get a wicket, you're building pressure. When Jassi (Bumrah) bowls the ball, you can see what line is better on the wicket. It becomes easier to execute," said Siraj after the match.

Even as they continue to thrive with different options covered for different conditions, it is not unfair to say that they are playing it safe with Thakur in the playing XI. The medium-pacer bowled six overs in New Delhi and two in Ahmedabad, averaging 43 with an economy of 5.37. Former Indian cricketer and Gujarat Titans assistant coach Aashish Kapoor feels that India should have either Ashwin or Shami in the XI in place of Thakur. "You have most of your bases covered as long as the bowlers are bowling okay. If two bowlers have a bad day, things could go south," he says.

"You can't go with two medium-pacers and on a pitch like Saturday, Shami could have been more effective and if the pitch was slow and if you didn't want Shami, maybe Ashwin should have played. Your bases are covered, but you need to make the most of it. On Saturday, Thakur bowled two overs in the first 20 and didn't bowl after. He was the captain's sixth option, coming in as the fourth change. If you are looking at him as a sixth bowler batting at No. 8, what is he doing in the XI? I have nothing against that boy (Thakur)... these days he gets wickets only when someone goes after him," said Kapoor.

India still have six league games to go. The bowlers could be rested and rotated against different opponents. What will be interesting to see is whether they still stick with Thakur or bring back one of Shami/Ashwin come the business end.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

DID YOU KNOW? WORLD CUP TRIVIA

Australia and Sri Lanka have played each other in 2 World Cup finals — 1996 and 2007. Sri Lanka won in 1996 and Australia won in 2007.

England's WC defence in tatters after 2nd loss

ENS @ New Delhi

ENGLAND's defence of the World Cup is in tatters. On Sunday, they came unstuck against Afghanistan in a manner that was wholly predictable but still surprising. Before delving into their chase, a word on the Afghans who picked up only their second 50-over World Cup win (and first since edging past Scotland in the 2015 edition) since making their debut in Australia and New Zealand eight years ago.

Afghanistan's Rashid Khan (C) celebrates a wicket on Sunday | AP

Afghanistan got off to the perfect start, courtesy Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 80 off 57. Even though Adil Rashid, Liam Livingstone and Joe Root put the skids on the scoring, the pacers were taken for plenty. While the spin troika gave away 5/94 from their 24 overs, the pacers were dispatched. Afghanistan with their own spinners knew they had a chance of defending 285. Once Fazalhaq Farooqi scalped Jonny Bairstow, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Mohammed Nabi and, later, Rashid Khan, tightened the screws. None of them are big turners but they didn't err in line or length.

Joe Root lost his stumps while Liam Livingstone was caught in front. With half the side back in the pavillion inside 21 overs, the spinners asphyxiated the lower-order. While Harry Brook provided some resistance, Rashid, Nabi and Mujeeb kept chipping away at the edifice. From 125/5, Rashid and Nabi bowled 17 dot balls and conceded zero boundaries. The wickets came soon after as Sam Curran, Chris Woakes and Brook fell, all to spin. The epilogue followed and the smiles plastered on the faces of the Afghan cricketers told its own story.

Brief scores: Afghanistan 284 in 49.5 ovs (Gurbaz 80, Ikram 58; A Rashid 3/42) **bt** England 215 in 40.3 ovs (Brook 66, Malan 32; Rashid Khan 3/37, Mujeeb 3/51).

HIGH-STAKES CLASH

Both Australia and Sri Lanka, yet to win a game between them, are in almost in a must-not-lose scenario. A look at their match-up at Lucknow...

BOWLING LINE-UPS IN FOCUS

Both bowling attacks haven't been at their best. While Sri Lanka have given away 428 and 345 in their two matches, Australia have picked up only 11 wickets across their two matches. Not good enough.

AUSTRALIA'S TOP-ORDER

In a tournament where a lot of top-orders have clicked, Australia are yet to get into top gear. Against South Africa, they lost half their side inside the first 17 overs. When facing India, they lost the first five wickets for 119 inside 30 overs.

SRI LANKA'S COMBINATION

With Dasun Shanaka ruled out, what will their combination be? Against Pakistan, they let themselves badly in the field but their batting has been decent, having compiled scores in excess of 325 in both games. Will they be able to find an x-factor in the bowling unit?

TODAY'S GAME: AUSTRALIA VS SRI LANKA, LUCKNOW, 2.00 PM | Live on Star Sports Network/Hotstar

Slow & unsteady: What's eating Pakistan in the middle-overs

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

JUST before the World Cup began, Pakistan team director Mickey Arthur had spoken about the brand of cricket they wanted to play. Pakistan, unlike a few other teams, haven't entirely embraced the new era of batting in the middle overs since the last World Cup. For Arthur, it is a work in progress.

"That's something that we're trying to get through to our players. The players have embraced it. It's going to take a little bit of time, but I always say there's always two ways to skin a cat," he had said before adding that they are playing a brand that is particular to Pakistan and hoping that it could help them win a World Cup. Three games — two wins and a loss — later Pakistan are still not there yet. After the seven-wicket defeat against India on Saturday, Arthur once again reflected on the brand of batting and said that they have not played the Pakistani way they wanted to and failed to execute the plans against the Indian bowling attack. What was the plan? He did not divulge into the details. But here's what happened in the game.

After 11 overs, Pakistan had strolled to 60/1 (over 5.4 RPO), taking on Mohammed Siraj and playing out Jasprit Bumrah, forcing Rohit Sharma to bring on the spinners, especially Kuldeep Yadav. After Hardik Pandya snaffled Imam-up-Haq following a very loose shot, Mohammad Rizwan and Babar Azam came together.

RUN-RATE IN OVERS 10-30 SINCE 2022 (BATTING FIRST)	
Team	RPO
England	6.1
India	5.91
South Africa	5.57
Australia	5.54
Sri Lanka	5.08
New Zealand	5.04
Pakistan	4.98
Bangladesh	4.8
Afghanistan	4.56
Netherlands	4.54

The stage was set for two of the most experienced batters to rebuild. However, both Azam and Rizwan kept nudging the ball here and there with not much pro-active hitting. Granted, some bad balls were smashed as Azam on-drove Shardul Thakur. But Ravindra Jadeja bowled wicket to wicket and the pacers kept hitting the lengths with the Pakistan duo not doing enough to disrupt the bowlers' plans. They just went along, happy to not force India's hand; 61 runs were added between overs 11 and 27 (3.81 RPO). Sensing the pressure, Sharma brought back Siraj who went for a couple of boundaries as Azam brought up his fifty. Siraj, however, had the last laugh as he cleaned up Azam in his next over. Kuldeep piled on with two wickets in the next over. Rizwan, on the other end, was stuck in his 40s. He went from 42 off 53 balls to 49 off 69 before being outdone by a genius slower ball from Bumrah. Just like that, Pakistan had crumbled yet again. They lost their last eight wickets for 36 runs — a blow from which they never recovered.

This is not something new though. There is a clear pattern. Since 2022, Pakistan's run-rate in overs 10-30 is 5.2. It might not look all that bad, but when you dissect it to see how they fare while batting first, the number drops down to 4.98.

As India eye '36 Oly, IOC outlines bidding process

INDRANEEL DAS @ Mumbai

THE roads were unusually quiet at the Bandra-Kural Complex (BKC) on Sunday. There were quite a few flags and flexes around the Jio World Convention Centre where the first day of the 141st IOC Session was taking place. There were quite a few discussions and presentations, some open to the audience, while others were behind closed doors.

However, from an Indian perspective, the buzz was all about hosting the Olympics in 2036. The storyline was determined the moment Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched India's interest during the Opening Ceremony on Saturday. There was no escaping the obvious question — it's not about when but how. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) treaded as cautiously as possible whenever such questions were posed to them. The body's director of communications, Mark Adams, who has been following the nuances of bidding for a while, along with Christian Klaue, director, corporate communications, explained in detail the process of showing interest and the next step.

To put it straight, Adams said the intent or interest has to be shown by the National Olympic Committee (NOC), in this case the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). "Theoretically, the entire bid process has to come through the National Olympic Committee of the country, in which case it's the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). They would approach us saying that we have an interest and then we will initiate a dialogue."

Adams also said that there are about 10 countries that have shown interest so far. One doesn't have to announce its interest publicly. "The important thing for 2036 is that there are more than 10 countries interested. You don't have to announce it publicly. They will contact us and show their interest and we will start the initial conversation. Then we will enter into a dialogue. Eventually, at some stage, the commission will propose it to the Executive Board (EB) saying that they would go into an open dialogue with x or y or z cities."

IOC chief Thomas Bach on the first day of the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai | AFP

The IOC also said that it would ask the countries or cities who are interested to host the Olympics to approach them for advice. That will help them reduce the cost considerably. They cited the case of Brisbane where the expenses were curtailed by more than 50 per cent.

Adams said that since they have the expertise, they would ask the interested parties to approach IOC for advice instead of hiring different firms or companies for helping them out with projects. "We can discuss with India too, whichever city or cities it might be, whatever interest the city or region or country or state has and what they are trying to achieve. Then, together, we would like to construct a proposal. "The first would be continuous dialogue in whatever way, accompanying and helping potential interested parties to build a good case to see if they can hold the Games," another IOC spokesperson said.

On sustainability of the Games, Adams said: "For Paris, 95 per cent of the venues were already in existence or temporary. In the 2028 LA Games, everything is already there. They did not have to build a single thing for the Games. But that doesn't mean that you have a very good legacy. Paris are building the Games Village and the swimming pool and saying that they can have a very good long term legacy with those.

"If a few of the cities in India say that 'we want to really improve our sporting infrastructure', we are going to invest the money anyway. That won't stop the bid. What we are working on is trying to find what works. That will be different from what works in India and Indonesia," he said.

"There is no pre-requisite for starting any process. We are really trying to change it. We really want to work out what is best for you. Whereas in the past, we said 'look here are the rules, you bid'. But that's not how it works for the organisers."

On Youth Olympics Games, which the PM said India would host in 2030, Adams said the process is completely different.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Fully-functional IOA must for initiating bid

INDRANEEL DAS @ Mumbai

THE Prime Minister on Saturday had said India would like to host the 2036 Olympic Games. Though the interest to host the Games has the government backing, the bid or interest has to be initiated by the National Olympic Committee (NOC); in this case the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

However, the IOA has time and again been warned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to follow its newly-amended constitution and appoint a Chief Executive Officer. In fact, the constitution was vetted by the IOC and was aligned with the IOC Charter. Because of this, the IOC is yet to meet officials from the IOA and all communications, as reported by this newspaper, is with IOA president PT Usha in the absence of a CEO. As of now, India is staring down the barrel because of this. There are indications that IOC may not hesitate to penalise. Some even say this could lead to sanctions or even suspension.

Even during the IOC Session and its Executive Board meetings here since Tuesday, there have been meetings with the IOC who once again reminded IOA to appoint a CEO. The IOA president in fact had a meeting with IOC chief Thomas Bach on Wednesday. Interestingly, there was a meeting with the IOC on Saturday too where almost all the Executive Committee members were present and the appointment of CEO was discussed.

The IOA apparently has been given one month's time to sort out the mess. It is understood that a section of the IOA wants certain provision of the constitution to be diluted to appoint a CEO because they have not got enough response first time they advertised for the post in January. This time it is understood that the IOA is serious about the appointment. As of now, joint secretary Kalyan Chaubey is the acting CEO.

"...as far as the IOC is concerned, all communications are addressed to the IOA President, in the absence of a duly appointed CEO," the IOC had said to this daily earlier. If the IOA doesn't appoint a CEO, relationship with the IOC might deteriorate. For a successful bid, there is a necessity of a fully functional IOA.

Bagnaia topper in Indonesia

AGENCIES @ Indonesia

ITALY'S Francesco Bagnaia won the Indonesia MotoGP on Sunday with a spectacular ride that took him back to the top of the championship standings after rival Jorge Martin crashed out.

Maverick Vinales (Aprilia) came in a close second behind the 26-year-old Ducati star, with Fabio Quartararo (Yamaha) in third. Bagnaia made a mesmerising surge from 13th to the top spot after rising to the podium places within the first four laps, refusing to let Pramac's Martin punish him further for a poor performance in practice and qualifying.

Scandal-hit Italy maintain Euro push with big win

AGENCIES @ Milan

BELEAGUERED Italy bounced back from a scandal-hit week on Saturday by cruising to a 4-0 win over Malta which maintained second place in Euro 2024 qualifying Group C.

Domenico Berardi's double, Giacomo Bonaventura's first Italy goal and a late strike from Davide Frattesi gave the European champions an expected win against rock-bottom Malta to reclaim the second automatic qualifying spot from Ukraine who beat North Macedonia 2-0 earlier in the day.

Luciano Spalletti's side are level on 10 points with Ukraine and three points behind leaders England ahead of Tuesday's key clash at Wembley where the Azzurri won the last Euro just over two years ago. "That match is where we will really see how much potential we have," said Spalletti.

Italy's Domenico Berardi (2nd R) scores against Malta on Sunday | AP

Italy will return to the site of their greatest triumph since winning the 2006 World Cup while Ukraine face sorry Malta in Ta' Qali. Malta are yet to register a single point after six matches in the five-team group and on the basis of Saturday's showing are unlikely to put up much resistance against Ukraine. That means anything but another victory over England will likely leave Italy third ahead of their final two matches in November — North Macedonia in Rome and Ukraine in Leverkusen, although they have a game in hand on both.

"It will definitely be emotional, I have amazing memories from that stadium," said Berardi, who netted a penalty in Italy's shoot-out final win over England.

Saturday's results: Group C: Ukraine **2-0** North Macedonia; Italy **4-0** Malta. **Group G:** Bulgaria **0-2** Lithuania; Hungary **2-1** Serbia; **Group H:** Northern Ireland **3-0** San Marino; Slovenia **3-0** Finland; Denmark **3-1** Kazakhstan.

EXPRESS READ

Hurkacz pockets Shanghai Masters title

SHANGHAI: Hubert Hurkacz claimed his second Masters title in a dramatic final at the Shanghai Masters on Sunday, saving a match point before prevailing 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (8) against Andrey Rublev. The Polish player's serve was again his strike weapon as he sent down 21 aces and won more than 80% of his first serve points.

Ebenyo, Ayana top Delhi Half Marathon

NEW DELHI: World Championship silver medallist Daniel Ebenyo and Rio Olympics champion Almaz Ayana won the men's and women's elite races, respectively, at the Delhi Half Marathon here on Sunday. Ebenyo finished the men's race in 59 minutes and 27 seconds.

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

JAIIB 2023	TS SET 2023	UPSSSC PET 2023
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'Tis the season of business! Students in India are approaching quite a crucial juncture as the management examinations are on in full swing. The Common Aptitude Test (CAT) is scheduled for November 26. Being one of the most important and commonly preferred exams, CAT reigns supreme. Even if your dreams of cracking the CAT are dashed, you can still pursue a management course at top premier institutes of the country. **Lovely Majumdar** finds out how

KNOWING YOUR LIMITATIONS

HOW TO START & WHERE TO STOP

let's begin

IN India, there are several examinations apart from the Common Aptitude Test (CAT) such as the NMIMS Management Test (NMAT), the Common Management Aptitude Test (CMAT), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and many others conducted exclusively by the institutions.

However, a question lurks as to how aware are students of the other management exams that provide admission to various colleges. *EdexLive* spoke to experts, counsellors, students and working professionals who are MBA graduates about how one can make mindful choices before pursuing their degree.

A PRECARIOUS SELECTION

Nirvan Gandhi, Founder of Applicant-X, an MBA consulting firm, says that it is pertinent to consider choosing the right management degree and the suitable entry route to explore all diverse options. For example, he adds that students can choose to pursue a two-year MBA course that requires them to appear for CAT, NMAT and other exams, whereas, there are schools that offer a one-year MBA programme, where scores of exams such as GMAT are required. Unlike these traditional MBAs, there is the option of 'deferred MBA', a route through which students can apply to the MBA programme

1. Develop refined planning skills
2. Find suitable entry routes
3. Explore diverse options
4. Assess yourself
5. Seek expert assistance

A deferred MBA guarantees the student admission into the MBA programme while they are studying but would then require them to work for a minimum of two years before they join the programme

Nirvan Gandhi, Founder, Applicant-X

BLIND CHASE

Students usually undergo a series of conflicts that can be influenced by various factors such as personal desires or peer influence. This might lead to an endless pursuit gradually inching towards dissatisfaction, says the Applicant X founder. "The student psyche often oscillates between aspirations and realities and many fixate on prestigious B-Schools, believing that attending them will guarantee success," he says.

Gandhi emphasises that a more prudent strategy for introspection can often yield greater benefits. This is because every student possesses a distinct skill set, and B-Schools nurture a range of talents. For instance, few students excel in entrepreneurship, others in finance. Hence, students should focus on schools where their skills find resonance. "Even a lesser-known B-School might offer the environment needed to nurture their talents," asserts Gandhi

1. Don't get influenced easily
2. Introspect calmly
3. Identify your skill sets
4. Look for compatible B-Schools
5. Have knowledge of reality

Being selective and not following my goals recklessly allowed me to align my career goals with the specialisation offered by the college

Aryan Sharma, Associate Consultant, Capgemini

NEED TO KEEP A CHECK?

While speaking to Shubhankar Sarkar, an aspirant who is a recent Mechanical Engineering graduate of the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST) Shibpur, said that although he is aware of the OMETS (Other Management Entrance Tests), his sole focus is to get into IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management).

While students do generally aim for the best colleges, experts say that self-assessment is quite important when it comes to coming to terms with your abilities.

Buttressing the fact, Dr MH Sharieff, Professor of Practice of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), CMS Business School, says, "Students can increase their chance of success by selecting examinations that best match their skills, interests and career ambitions by being aware of their limits"

1. Increase self-awareness
2. Appear for exams/tests
3. Set realistic goals
4. Measure your limitations
5. Survey other relational elements

I have appeared for CAT before and passed with a 97 percentile. Although I faced rejection in the interview round, it has given me a chance for further improvement

Shubhankar Sarkar, Aspirant

IS THE PATH EASY?

"I attempted CAT twice while I was working and then I resumed my preparation after quitting work momentarily. What helped me was shortlisting exams and colleges and having backups," mentions Ujjwal, who is working as a Senior Consultant with Capgemini. His journey is a reminder of how the path can be "demanding", as XIMB Professor Bahinipati quotes, "If you think that the path to MBA is easy then the degree isn't worth it." Prof Bahinipati further reminds students to understand the right application of knowledge and how to adapt to situations

1. Remember what you are passionate about/Motivate yourself
2. The path is demanding
3. Maintain dynamism
4. Strengthen intellectual capacity
5. Gear yourself to work under pressure

Juggling between academic, personal and professional obligations will be demanding, but a student will be offered myriad possibilities of networking and constant growth in their career

Dr MH Sharieff, Professor of Practice, (JAIN Deemed-to-be University)

ARE STUDENTS AWARE?

Ujjwal Madaan, an alumnus of TA Pai Management Institute, Manipal, was granted admission via his Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT) scores. While speaking about OMETS, he said that the goal he had was to ace the exams he was preparing for and keep his options open. Shubhankar, who is a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Maruti Suzuki India, aims only for IIMs and as an alternative, he would continue as a professional in the automobile industry. But if he is unable to get an IIM seat, he might prefer a reputed B-School

1. Keep a focused mind
2. Do not limit your options
3. Choose your interests
4. Analyse your chances
5. Use digital sources wisely

Students now believe and work upon the 'chance phenomena' where they appear for tests and engage with the process to understand the mechanism, rather than simply calculating their chances

Professor Bikram Bahinipati, Xavier Institute of Management

Students, therefore, can readily choose MBA as a career option and can also keep other avenues open simultaneously understanding themselves and being conscious of their own limitations in order to be able to fare effectively and productively

EXAM ESSENTIALS

When you crack these exams, they unlock various doors to prestigious management institutes. We explore three of them here

exam point

NMAT — NMIMS Management Aptitude Test

"Earlier, NMIMS was the only institute that used NMAT. Now, over 50 B-Schools accept it," says **Gaurav Srivastava**, Regional Director, South Asia, Middle East & Africa, Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the body that conducts the examination

How has the exam evolved?
NMAT is gaining popularity since GMAC acquired it from NMIMS (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies) in 2015. NMAT provides unique serious-minded candidates. It has become similar to the GMAT in approach, and is one of the most value-added exams, as it focuses on candidates' convenience.

Where do you see the exam when compared to CAT?
Both exams are different. CAT acts as an eliminating exam, serving the purpose of top IIMs. But NMAT is not about elimination; it helps schools get desirable candidates and helps candidates get into B-Schools of their choice.

What kind of job opportunities await students?
Depending on their performance, students would be placed by the schools. NMAT is not meant for seeking jobs, however, it helps schools make an unbiased judgment.

EVERY EXAM NEEDS A STRATEGY

3 TIPS

- You need to have a good study plan, with a well-defined timetable.
- Practice with purpose. Work on your weak areas. The more you practice, the more confidence you gain, and the better your performance.
- Time management is crucial. Attempt the maximum, preferably, all the questions in the given time frame should be aimed for

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

- Visit B-School websites, find out the selection process for courses
- The selection process varies from B-School to B-School
- Few conduct group discussions and interviews after NMAT

73 EXAM CENTRES ACROSS INDIA

October 10 to December 19 EXAM DATES

2 HOURS EXAM DURATION

MBA.COM STUDY MATERIAL

OPTION OF TAKING IT ONLINE
Students can take their NMAT test online as well. There is no difference between the online and offline tests

SCORING PROCESS
When it comes to the scoring process of NMAT, students are scored between 36-360 marks

STUDENT SPEAKS

I found the test to be moderately difficult, as expected, as it is an adaptive test like GMAT. The quantitative aptitude section was a bit challenging, as it involved a wide range of topics. Overall, the test was interesting and different from other entrance tests. The preparation time was 85 days, which served as an advantage, as I could manage other exams

Raghav Gupta, First-year MBA student, NMIMS Indore

SNAP — Symbiosis National Aptitude Test

The first step to gaining admission into programmes of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is clearing the Symbiosis National Aptitude (SNAP) Test. We speak to **Dr Ramakrishnan Raman,** Director of the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune for more insights

How has the exam evolved?
SNAP was created to consolidate admissions into educational institutions of Symbiosis under one entry point. As a result, clearing SNAP makes one eligible for a variety of courses – hence the popularity. Also, SNAP is easier in comparison with CAT. For starters, the duration is one hour.

Where do you see SNAP when compared to CAT?
Based on data, we can say that the SNAP Test is the second-largest MBA admissions exam. Unlike CAT, it does not have sectional cutoffs. One doesn't have to attempt all sections.

What kind of job opportunities await students?
Symbiosis institutes offer various niche and specialised programmes beyond the standard Finance, Business Development, and Marketing MBAs. Companies know exactly what they are looking for in candidates, and Symbiosis gives them that.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

3 ROUNDS

1. SNAP Test
2. Group Exercise (GE)
3. Personal Interaction

- Category-wise merit lists and waiting lists will be made based on the candidates' performance in these rounds, and waiting lists will be made subject to the availability of seats
- Admission is provisional and will be confirmed on payment and meeting the eligibility criteria of the respective programmes

MARKS & MORE

60 Total number of marks	Scaled down to 50
	Number of sections 03

84 TEST CENTRES ACROSS INDIA

MARKS BREAKDOWN

General English (Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning, Verbal Ability)	15 marks
Analytical & Logical Reasoning	25 marks
Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency	25 marks

1 HOUR TEST DURATION

Negative marking: 25% for each wrong answer (25% of 1 = 0.25)

RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIAL

- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning, RS Aggarwal (S Chand)
- A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning, Dr RS Aggarwal (S Chand)
- How to Prepare for Logical Reasoning for CAT, Arun Sharma (McGraw Hill India)

STUDENT SPEAKS

Two of my strategies to crack SNAP are firstly, divide time amongst sections wisely since you can attempt sections in any order and you can switch between the sections, unlike other MBA exams. Secondly, make speed your strength. SNAP is primarily a speed-based exam, wherein, you must attempt the maximum number of questions

Muskan Dhiman, SIBM Pune (2023-25)

XAT — Xavier Aptitude Test

Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT) distinguishes itself from CAT in several ways. XAT Convenor **Dr Rahul Shukla** says, "While both assess quantitative and verbal abilities, XAT focusses on logical and analytical skills with decision-making capabilities." Here's more from his perspective

How has the exam evolved?
The surge in the number of applicants is a testament to XAT's popularity. It now attracts a diverse pool of candidates, including experienced professionals, showcasing its broad and inclusive appeal.

Where do you see the exam when compared to CAT?
XAT introduces the Decision Making (DM) section, presenting candidates with real-world scenarios, demanding subjective decisions. Moreover, XAT includes an Analytical Essay Writing (AEW) section; Poem Comprehension section; General Knowledge (GK) section and a different negative marking scheme, making it a multi-faceted assessment.

What kind of job opportunities await students?
With an MBA from XLRI, one can venture into government and public service or non-profit sector. Data analytics is another thriving avenue and so is entrepreneurship.

WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT DATES THAT STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND?

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STUDY MATERIALS
To enhance your preparation, review previous question papers, which are conveniently available at *www.xatonline.in*

3 ESSENTIAL TIPS

- Cultivate strong self-belief
- Master fundamental concepts
- Develop sectional proficiency

2.30 HOURS EXAM DURATION

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

- Shortlisting Based on XAT Exam Score
- Group Discussion and Personal Interview (GDPI)
- Final Admission Process
- Final Admission Offer

200 TEST CENTRES ACROSS INDIA

STUDENT SPEAKS

Even though a few sections are additional, like decision-making and general knowledge, with minimum effort, you can appear for XAT and do decently well. When I appeared for the test, I realised the questions were not that difficult. It was not about difficulty of content but more about how you manage your time and apply your strategy

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DAY'S DIARY

Walt Disney Studio

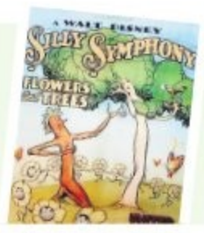
On this day in 1923, Walt Disney and his brother Roy found the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio in Hollywood, California

THE BEGINNING

Walt sold a short film produced by Laugh-O-Gram, his studio, and signed a contract to make six such films. To produce the series, the Walt Disney company was found

CARTOON TO FEATURE FILM

It took three years, but the landmark film, *Snow White*, debuted on December 21, 1937. A spectacular hit, it became the highest-grossing film of all time



ACADEMY AWARD

Flowers and Trees, produced by Walt Disney, won the Academy Award for Best Cartoon in 1932, the first year of the Academy offering this category

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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An artist gives the finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga ahead of the festivities | VINOD KUMAR T

Tripping over travel

With airfares soaring this festive season, many are opting for road trips to head home for the festivities – with pets in tow

MONIKA MONALISA

MAA aschen (Goddess Durga is arriving), so are Bengalis across the country who are heading to their hometowns in West Bengal to celebrate Durga Puja. However, many Bengalis from the city are taking a different route and doing a road trip back home to take part in the festivities.

Among them is Sagnik Manik. He took a four-day road trip to reach his hometown in Howrah. He started off one morning from Bengaluru, concluding the day at Vijayawada. With a halt on the second day and then proceeding to the Shree Jagannatha temple in Puri on day three, day four was the start of the drive to his home in Howrah. Accompanied by his wife, the trip suited the couple, with both having similar interests. Manik, who works in the finance section of a multinational company, had the luxury of time to take on this long drive.

The reason Sinchan Nandi took this trip was for Tojo, his golden retriever. Nandi, a pet parent, makes sure Tojo is part of all major family events, and Durga Puja is no exception. "I never leave Tojo whenever my wife, my daughter, and I travel. We take him along too," says Nandi.

One of the primary reasons many people opt for these long trips is the exorbitant flight ticket prices. Palas Panja, a Bengali in Bengaluru who started a group called Bong BHP for like-minded people, says more than 50 Bengali families are travelling to West Bengal on road for Durga Puja.

"The flight prices really shoot up during Durga Puja. It is as much as ₹20,000 per head one way. Imagine the amount you have to spend if you are a family of four. For train tickets, you have to plan your trip way in advance, which is difficult to plan keeping the dynamics in everyone's workplace. So road trips are a great option, and the memories you make are unmatched," says Panja.

Sometimes, the adrenaline rush of going on an adventurous trip is also the reason. Atreya Nath pulled off the unthinkable, starting off on October 13 on his bike to reach his home in Kolkata on October 14, just in time for Mahalaya. He rode for 23 hours and covered 1,900 km to be with his parents. "I only took fuel stops, which is when I munched on quick bites. I had some energy drinks and lots of water," says Nath, who works as a date engineer.

While his parents are used to his road trips, this time they were worried about the road conditions. "The roads beyond Khurda district in Odisha are not so great. Since I am going on a super bike, they were worried about my safety. They are used to me doing long car trips," he adds.

(Clockwise from top left) Sagnik Manik and his wife; Sinchan Nandi and his family; Palas Panja and his daugher; Atreyo Nath

POINTERS FOR PET PARENTS

1. Have fewer passengers in the car to keep the back seat free
2. Use cushions as an extension of the car seat to ensure the pet has enough space
3. Stop every two hours or so, so that you and your pet can take walking breaks
4. If the air conditioning is on for most of the trip, keep the pet and yourself hydrated
5. Avoid heavy meals to avoid motion sickness. Ideally, give a meal late in the night so that it keeps the pet full. If required, keep some glucose biscuits handy.

SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING

With the festive season descending upon the city, many shopped for their festive needs at 'The Diwali Edit' of Namu Recommends Vegan Market, held yesterday at the Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal Main Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DESE GOWDA

STEPPING INTO A COURTROOM

A stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, is coming to Bengaluru this month

EIGHTY-nine-year-old American novelist Harper Lee has only ever published two literary works throughout her lifetime. Yet, the first of two is often regarded as a classic of American literature, garnering numerous accolades, inspiring countless adaptations and even earning Lee the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a touchstone in the exploration of racial injustice, moral growth, and the destruction of innocence. Published in 1960, the novel is set against the backdrop of the 1930s Great Depression in a fictional town in the Southern United States and is inspired by Lee's own childhood experiences growing up in Monroeville, Alabama.

This month, an adaptation of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, produced by the city-based Arena Theatre Productions, is set to premiere at the Chowdiah Memorial Hall. "As a performer and creator, I've always been drawn to the raw intensity and truth that courtroom and legal dramas encapsulate," says Tahera, veteran thespian and the director of the upcoming play. For her, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is more than a play, rather it is a dream project, one which she has yearned to make for years, waiting for the right opportunity.

"I remember reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* in school, and it's a narrative that hasn't just lingered; it has lived within me. Finding the script, getting the copyright, it was tough since it's an American story. But we were lucky, or maybe it was sheer determination!" she says, adding, "It's eerily relevant today. The dialogues, the scenarios – it's like peering into a mirror reflecting our own societal issues. This play will move people; it's designed to."

One of the novel's triumphs is its depiction of the world through the eyes of a child, which serves not only as a literary device but also a thematic link. The children in the story navigate a world marked by stark contrasts, where innocence meets prejudice, good battles evil, and where indifference is confronted with empathy. Their adventures and misinterpretations of adult actions not only evoke laughter, but also subtly provide an insight into the complex social hierarchy and racial divisions of the American South during that era.

Tackling such a complex story and doing justice to it on stage is no easy feat. Hence, the upcoming adaptation is possibly one of the most ambitious stage productions that Bengaluru has seen in recent years. "The production's authenticity extends to its elaborate sets, designed by a renowned architecture firm in the city. I think it's rare for Bengaluru to have these heavy-budget sets. We're building 1930s America on stage, from the costumes to the live music, everything is original," adds Tahera. Furthermore, in an effort to enhance immersion, audience members will be more than passive observers. "They are jury members," says Tahera. "When our audience walks in, they're stepping into a courtroom, into a slice of history."

(To Kill a Mockingbird will be staged on Sat Oct 28, 3pm and 7pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram. Tickets priced at ₹500++. More details on bookmyshow.com)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹500 from Kund Indian Barbeque - Indiranagar, 100 Feet Road**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

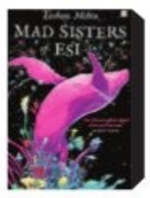
1) 1900 2) Eggplant 3) Ras el Hanout

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Siddharth Shedde 2) Rohith Shankar 3) Srk Aru

DIVINE TREATS P3

BOOK NOOK



Mad Sisters of Esi

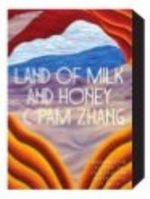
by Tashan Mehta

Fables, dreams, and myths come together in this masterful work of fantasy by author Tashan Mehta, sweeping across three landscapes and featuring a museum of collective memory and a festival of madness.

The Gold Collection

By Ruskin Bond

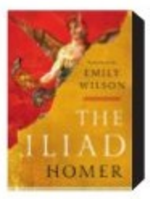
The ten stories in The Gold Collection are among the finest ever written by India's most beloved writer, Ruskin Bond. Some of them, including masterpieces like 'The Blue Umbrella', 'Angry River', and 'Panther's Moon', were written early in the writer's career, while others, such as 'Rhododendrons in the Mist' and 'Miracle at Happy Bazaar', are more recent ones.



Land of Milk and Honey

by C Pam Zhang

A rapturous novel penned by the award-winning author talks about a young chef whose discovery of pleasure alters her life and, indirectly, the world.



The Iliad Translation

by Emily Wilson

The culmination of a decade of intense engagement with antiquity's most surpassingly beautiful and emotionally complex poetry, Wilson's Iliad now gives us a complete Homer for our generation.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Festive Workshop

Shakti Suta 2023 has a collection of workshops designed for young ones revolving around Navaratri. **WHEN:** Oct 16, 10am **WHERE:** Shankaraa Foundation, Kanakapura Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Art Fusion

Explore this curated art exhibition tailored for modern living spaces, that showcases a diverse range of art, including portraits, abstracts, divine art, nature, and watercolour pieces.

WHEN: Oct 16, 5pm
WHERE: Verde Canvas Art Gallery, Krishnarajapura
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

An Evening of Dandiya

Experience an evening of dandiya accompanied by contagious beats of DJ Hassan, DJ Avijit and DJ Jiten.

WHEN: Oct 16, 6pm
WHERE: Sunburn Union Bangalore, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Adventure Oasis

This holiday season, experience over 10 thrilling adventure activities such as zip-lining, horseback riding, and quad-bike riding or relax by the poolside.

WHEN: Oct 16, 8.30am
WHERE: Guhantara Resort, Kaggalipura
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Words and Emotions

Experience an evening filled with emotions, creative expressions, and words. Connect with the power of words and immerse yourself in a night of literary artistry.

WHEN: Oct 17, 7.30pm
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comic Delights

Indulge in an evening of laughter with standup comedians Manjeet, Divanshu, Nick, Denver, and Gokul. Their fresh jokes and entertaining stories will leave you in splits.

WHEN: Oct 16, 8.30pm
WHERE: Scrummys, Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Flavours of Bengal

This festive season, immerse yourself in the celebrations, with some delicacies at Durgaostav, a Bengali Food Festival. **WHEN:** Oct 16, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Novotel Hotel, Outer Ring Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

TIMELESS TRADITIONS

Yakshagana artistes perform during the inauguration of a shopping festival in Jayanagar on Sunday INAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

DAHI VADA

Contributed by **Ruchi Pandey,** Ayodhya

INGREDIENTS

- **Urad dal:** 1 cup soaked
- **Kala namak:** 1/2 tsp
- **Cumin seeds:** 1 tsp (powdered)
- **Pepper:** 1/2 tsp
- **Coriander leaves:** 1 tbsp, chopped
- **Yogurt:** 2 cups
- **Chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Oil**
- **Salt:** 2 tsp

METHOD

- Beat the dal well to make it light and fluffy.
- Heat the oil. Shape and fry the vadas in hot oil until golden brown, transfer them to a pan of salted water.
- Repeat this with the rest of the batter.
- Mix salt, cumin, coriander leaves and black pepper into the yogurt.
- Squeeze out the fried bhallas and arrange them on a serving dish.
- Cover with yogurt and garnish with cumin, coriander leaves, chilli powder, kala namak, and chaat masala.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA UTKATASANA SUKHA STRETCH

(REVOLVED CHAIR POSE EASY STRETCH)

This is a simple standing twist pose with Utkatasana (Chair Pose) as the base. The practise of this variation can be part of the warm-up for the shoulders and hips at the beginner level.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose) and bring your toes and knees together.
- Stretch your torso and lower your hips, leaning forward. Lift your arms sideways at the shoulder level.
- Keep your arms parallel to the floor with your knees, back, ankles, and heels in a straight line.
- Twist to the right, drawing your right arm behind, and look back without moving your left arm.
- Stretch your arms and bring them in line with the elbows, shoulders, and hips.
- Look at the fingers of your right palm.
- Go deep into the pose with every exhalation, holding for about eight breaths or more.
- With every inhalation, loosen the body without changing the posture.
- Body's weight should be evenly distributed at the hips, thighs, knees, feet, and core.
- To release, straighten the knees and come to Tadasana.
- Take a few breaths here and then relax.
- Do as many rounds as per your capacity.

BENEFITS

- Develops overall endurance and strength, along with increasing concentration.
- Improves the blood flow in the muscles that are vital for healthy posture.
- Balances the overall body weight and helps in reducing the symptoms of flatfoot.
- Increases the lung capacity and energises your entire body.
- It strengthens the torso and lower back and tones and stabilises the knee and ankle joints.
- Strengthens the thigh muscles.
- Gives a good stretch to the hips, spine, and chest muscles.
- Helps to lose weight, especially from the lower parts of the body.
- Strengthens the immune system and relieves joint pains and back pains.
- Improves digestion and increases metabolism.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries to their knees, shoulders, neck, hips, spine, or ankles should practise under the guidance of a yoga expert.

Those with chronic knee pain, knee-ankle-hip injury, severe back pain, or high blood pressure, senior citizens, and pregnant women avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THRISHANKU (Malayalam)

Small-town couple Sethu and Megha plan to elope, but complications arise when Sethu's sister also decides to elope. Sethu goes to bring her back with his quarrelling uncles, all while trying to elope with Megha and not get caught.

Cast: Anna Ben, Arjun Ashokan, Zarin Shihab

- **Watch on:** Netflix

VEDHA (Kannada)

A father and daughter embark on a killing spree in a bid to seek revenge against those who have wronged them. However, a police officer seeks to put an end to their murders.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Ganavi Laxman, Shwetha Chengappa

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FRIDAY NIGHT PLAN (Hindi)

When their mother takes off on a business trip, two bickering brothers unite to secretly attend the hottest party of the year before she returns.

Cast: Juhi Chawla Babil Khan, Medha Rana

- **Watch on:** Netflix

GHAR BANDUK BIRYANI (Marathi)

Love, duty, and revenge take centre stage in the forest of Kolagad, where the lives of a chef, a policeman, and a rebel leader cross paths.

Cast: Sayli Patil, Nagraj Manjule, Deepti Devi

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

7:11 PM (Telugu)

The incident that takes place at 7:11 PM changes the fate of a town called Hamsala Deevi and a planet called Proxima-EV12. Ravi travels through time to stop a criminal and save his loved ones and his beloved town.

Cast: Saahas, Deepika, Tess Walsh

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

JACKSON BAZAAR YOUTH (Malayalam)

The lives of bandmates of the titular band, who get embroiled in a world of crime.

Cast: Indrans, Jaffer Idukki, Lukman Avaran

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

YAADHUM OORE YAAVARUM KELIR (Tamil)

Punithan has a mysterious charm. He is not a riddle, though he appears to be one. Who is he? Where is he from? Where is he heading? Why is he here? Answers will arrive only when he breaks his silence.

Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Megha Akash, Magizh Thirumeni

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

MOVING (Korean, series)

A group of innocent teenagers with extraordinary abilities go head-to-head with some of the world's most powerful governments.

Cast: Han Hyo-Joo, Go Yoon Jung, Zo In-Sung

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

NO HARD FEELINGS (English)

On the brink of losing her childhood home, a desperate woman agrees to date a wealthy couple's introverted and awkward 19-year-old son. However, he proves to be more of a challenge than she expected, and time is running out before she loses it all.

Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Andrew Barth Feldman, Ebon Moss-Bachrach

- **Watch on:** Netflix

PREACHER (English, series)

Fulfilling a promise to his deceased father, one-time outlaw Jesse Custer returns home to West Texas to take over his dad's church. Jesse's mission, however, becomes twisted when his body is overcome by a cryptic force that unleashes within him a highly unconventional power.

Cast: Dominic Cooper, Joseph Gilgun, Ruth Negga

- **Watch on:** Netflix

GEN V (English, series)

The competitive superheroes compete for the school's top rank where their physical, sexual, and moral boundaries are being put to test.

Cast: Lizze Broadway, Jaz Sinclair, Patrick Schwarzenegger

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
aha:	₹699/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹899/year
JioCinema:	₹999/year
Hoichoi:	₹499/month
ZEE5:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

SWEET PONGAL

Recipe by **Uma Iyer**

INGREDIENTS

- Moong dal - 1/2 cup
- Cup rice- 3/4
- Milk- 1 cup
- Grated jaggery- 1 cup
- Cardamom powder- 1/2 tbsp
- Ghee- 3-4 tbs
- Dry fruits as per choice

Method of preparation

Add the moong dal into a pressure cooker and dry roast on medium flame till it turns slightly golden. Once it's done, add rice. To this, add water and milk, and let it cook for three whistles on a medium flame. Cook till rice and dal turn soft. Now prepare jaggery syrup. Add half a cup of water and grated jaggery to a pan. Heat the mixture on a low flame till a syrup is formed. Once the rice and dal are cooked, smash the mixture. Pour in the jaggery syrup and mix well. Then add cardamom powder and cook on a medium flame till the jaggery blends with the rice and dal. In a pan, add ghee and roast the dry fruits. Pour this into the pongal.

NAROO LADU

Recipe by **Promita Das**

INGREDIENTS

- Fresh grated coconut– 2 cups
- Organic jaggery powder or chopped or grated jaggery– 1 cup
- Green cardamom powder – ½ teaspoon (optional)
- 1 to 2 teaspoons ghee for greasing palms, you can also use coconut oil

Method of preparation

Add freshly grated coconut to a pan. Reduce the flame to low. Stir the grated coconut on low to medium flame for 4 to 5 minutes. Make sure the coconut doesn't turn brown. Then add the grated jaggery and mix well for about 6 to 7 minutes on a low to medium flame. Once the mixture turns slightly thick, add cardamom powder, mix well turn off the stove and let it cool. Once it cools, apply some ghee and make small laddoos.

Divine treats

In this festive season, *CE* looks at some delicious delicacies from around the country

AISHWARYA PRABHAKARAN

THE Dasara festival is a celebration of feminine cosmic energy, devoted to Durga – the goddess of strength, motherhood and destruction; Saraswathi – the goddess of education, art, and culture; and Lakshmi – the goddess of prosperity.

Celebrating the victory of good over evil, each of the nine days of the festival is dedicated to distinct avatars of Durga. Devotees typically observe a fast for nine days, although some opt for a two-day fast. During this period, fasting involves abstaining from common grains like wheat, but allows for the consumption of fruits, milk, tea, coffee, potatoes, and one meal of sago-based dishes.

Furthermore, Dasara is celebrated in diverse ways across different communities of India. For Bengalis, it's Durga Puja and pandal visits. Gujaratis kick-off their popular dance festival, Garba. Tamilians mark the occasion with the display of 'Bomma Kollu' and, in Kerala, it's Vidyarambam and Ayudha Puja.

Here, *CE* presents recipes of some popular dishes of various regions of the country

SABUDANA KHICHADI

Recipe by **Ranjan Shah**

INGREDIENTS

- Sabudana (tapioca pearls)– 1 cup
- Ghee or oil– 2-3tbsp
- Cumin seeds – 1tsp
- green chilly– 1/2 chopped
- Water
- Medium-sized boiled potatoes– 2
- Roasted peanuts– 1/2 cup
- Rock salt as per taste
- Sugar as per taste

Method of preparation

Rinse the sabudana in water to remove excess starch and soak them overnight or at least for 3 to 4hours before cooking. In a frying pan heat oil, add cumin seeds and fry a little. Add curry leaves, chopped green chillies and boiled potatoes cut into small pieces. To this, add the soaked sabudana, roasted peanut, salt and sugar. Mix well and let it cook for 2-3 minutes with closed lid. Add some water if it's a little dry.

NEY PAYASAM

Recipe by **Sathiabhama Nair**

INGREDIENTS

- Matta raw rice – 1 cup
- coconut mylk(optional– 1/2 cup
- Grated jaggery– 1 cup
- Cardamom powder– 1/2 tablespoon
- Ghee – 3-4tbsp
- Dry Fruits as per choice
- Finely chopped coconut pieces

Method of preparation

Add 1.5 cup of water and pressure cook rice for 3 to 4 whistles. Then mash the rice. Take a pan and add water, brown jaggery cook till it melts. To the jaggery syrup, add the cooked rice and mix well for 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup ghee and cardamom powder. Let it cook for 5-7 minutes. Turn off the gas and add coconut mylk (optional). Heat a pan, add ghee and roast dry fruits and chopped coconuts. Add this to the rice mixture, mix it well and it's ready to serve. Garnish with a small banana cut into pieces and serve (optional)

SINGHARE KA PARATHA

Recipe by **Ranjan Shah**

INGREDIENTS

- Potatoes– 4-5
- Ginger– 1 tbsp
- Chopped green chilly – 1 tablespoon
- Water chestnut flour – 250 gm
- Salt as per taste
- Black Pepper powder as per taste
- Cumin seeds– 1/2 tbsp
- Chopped coriander leaves – 1 tbsp

Method of preparation

Peel raw potatoes and cut them into small pieces. Now grind chopped potatoes, 1 tsp of grated ginger and 1 tsp of finely chopped green chillies finely. In a bowl, add 1 cup of water, chestnut flour, potato paste, salt, ground black pepper, cumin and finely chopped coriander leaves. Mix them well, and knead the dough. Then add some ghee to it, mash the dough well and make it smooth. Cover it for 15 minutes. Take a small portion, wrap it in dry flour and roll it out. Add some ghee and cook the paratha on low-medium flame and cook it till brown spots appear on sides.

NUGGETS

City's popular bar reopens

Monkey Bar, part of the Olive Group of restaurants, made a comeback in Bengaluru on the first floor of the newly-refurbished Museum building recently. The menu features a fusion of regional Indian cuisine alongside international favourites, with street food from local lanes standing tall alongside global culinary treasures, and the bar menu focuses on indigenous ingredients and local flavours injected with a dose of artistic flair. The price for a meal for two with alcohol is ₹3,000, a meal for two without alcohol is ₹1,800 ++. For more information, contact 8655464500.

KSIC supports Chief Minister's Relief Fund with donation

The Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC), a government-owned enterprise that engages in the production and promotion of renowned traditional items, including Mysore silk sarees and various related products, handed a cheque for ₹1 crore to the Chief Minister of Karnataka on October 11 for the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in the presence of K Venkatesh, Minister for Sericulture and Animal Husbandry and chairman, KSIC, Dr Shamla Iqbal, IAS, Secretary to Govt. Horticulture & Sericulture Department, Zehera Naseem IAS, managing director, KSIC, and other officers of KSIC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **GNANA MUTHU MANICKAM**, S/o Late Manickam, R/at #18, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, CSI Compound, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name to **MUTHU MANICKAM PATTAMMA**, vide affidavit dated 13/10/2023 before Notary **S. RAMESH**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I GENEVVA, Mother of Army No. 1373676A Havaldar CHANDRASHEKHAR, R/O, # 13, 3rd Cross, 'C' Block, T Nagar, Attur YNK NT, Bangalore - 64, have changed my Name From GENEVVA to GYANAMMA KAMPLI vide Affidavit dated 09/10/2023 sworn before Notary G.R.RAVICHANDRA REDDY. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUJATHA PADMASUNDARAM**, Aged about 42 years, W/o. Dhinakaran J, Residing at No. B 213, Alpine Park Apartments, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUJATHA MUTHUVELU PADMASUNDARAM** to **SUJATHA PADMASUNDARAM** vide affidavit dated 13.10.2023 sworn to before Dharani .P, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHARMVEER SINGH CHAUHAN**, Army No. Jc 414303N, Rank, Subedar, Resident at jijauta Buzurg, post- Rudain p/s- Kempil, Taluk- Kaimganj, District- Farrukhabad ,Utter Pradesh, Do hereby solemnly affirm that my Mother's Name is **RAM VETI** & date of birth 01-01-1955 as per Aadhaar but in my Army Service Records It is erroneously mentioned as **RAM BATE DEVI** and date of birth as 01-07-1955 Both the names belongs to my mother. Hence forth her name will be **RAM VETI** only in all Records vide affidavit dated 13-10-2023 Sworn to before Advocate and Notary KUNDAN BABU M. Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAYA RAMESH**, D/o Ramesh V, aged 27 years, R/at No. 6/8, Chowrappa Reddy Street, Mariannapalya, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **UNNI MAYA R** to **MAYA RAMESH**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MAYA RAMESH** only, vide affidavit dated 13-10-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. VENKATESHAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NIRMALA Spouse of Army No. 1373676A, Havaldar CHANDRASHEKHAR R/O, #13, 3rd Cross, 'C' Block, T Nagar, Attur YNK NT, Bangalore-64, have changed my Name From NIRMALA to NIRMALA.C.K of Next of Kin vide Affidavit dated 09/10/2023 sworn before Notary G.R.RAVICHANDRA REDDY. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAVNEETH .V. RAO**, S/o. Vidyananda Rao Kanakanady, Aged about 21 years, R/at No. AB-402, Golden Grand Apartment, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560 022, have changed my name from **1) NAVANEET VIDYANANDA RAO 2) NAVANEET .V. RAO 3) NAVANEETH .V. RAO 4) NAVNEETH .V. RAO** to **NAVNEETH V. RAO** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 12.10.2023 IN-KA0716695707199 8V, sworn before Advocate & Notary P.K. Nalinakshi, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr NAGESH N S/o Narasimhaiah**, R/at No.105, Doddakallasandra, School Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560062, do hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **NAGESHA. N to NAGESH. N**, Vide affidavit dated 28.11.2011 sworn to before Advocate and Notary H S SAKALESH ARADHYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Thajunnisa** W/o Masthan Pasha, Aged about 50 year, residing at: No: Ward No.2, Venkatagirikote, Chintamani Town. Hereby declare that **THAJUNNISA** All names are pertaining to me only and now I have changed my name **Noorjan** to **Thajunnisa W/o Mastan Pasha (New Name)**, Vide affidavit dated **03.10.2023** sworn in before advocate and notary Sreedevi. S. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEEPU.C.K, D/O Army No.1373676A, of Havaldar CHANDRASHEKHAR, R/O # 13, 3rd Cross, 'C' Block, T Nagar, Attur YNK NT, Bangalore - 64, have changed my Name From DEEPU.C.K to DEEPA.C.K vide Affidavit dated 09/10/2023 sworn before Notary G.R.RAVICHANDRA REDDY. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) HIMAYATHULLA HIDAYATH MOHAMMED** Residing at No.# 02, 2nd Cross, Muddamma Garden Extn, Benson Town Post, Bangalore - 560046. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HIMAYATHULLA HIDAYATH MOHAMMED** to **(NEW NAME) HIMAYATHULLA H.M.** vide Affidavit Dated 26.10.2023 Sworn before Notary A. Manjula Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. **YASHODHA.S @ YASHODA.S.** W/o. Sri. Mohan J.H, Aged about 38 years, R/at. No.109, Maruthi Nilaya, Jakkur, Appanna Building, Bangalore 560064 do hereby declare that my daughter's name is changed from **NEETHU** to **J.M. REETU RAKSHA** for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/10/2023, Sworn before D.Rajanna, Notary Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) CHOUTHARAM** S/o RAJARAM Residing at No.1,9th D Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Basaveshwaranagar Post, Bengaluru 560079, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) CHOUTHARAM** to **(NEW NAME) CHOUTHARAM RAJARAM** vide affidavit dated 13.10.2023 sworn before Notary Prakasha.C Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATISH BHAT** (New Name), S/o Umesh Bhat, residing at No. FF1, 1st Floor, Sai Pallavi Residency, 2nd 'A' Cross, T G Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **SATISH UMESH BHAT** (Old Name) to **SATISH BHAT** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **SATISH BHAT** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 14/10/2023, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMA MOORTHY R**, Army No. Jc 413779N, Rank, Subedar, Resident at Kangar Seval, Taluk Vembakottai, Tamil Nadu, Do hereby Solemnly affirm that my Mother's Name is **GURUVAMMAL R** & date of birth 1940 as per Aadhaar but in my Army Service Records It is erroneously mentioned as **GURUVAMAL** and date of birth as 01-04-1950 Both the names belongs to my mother. Hence forth her name will be **GURUVAMMAL R** only in all Records vide affidavit dated 13-10-2023 Sworn to before Advocate and Notary KUNDAN BABU, M. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUNITA ANAND**, W/o. Srinath Kanukolanu, aged 48 years residing at Flat No. 3024, Santorini Sobha City, Thanisandra Road, Hegde Nagar, Dr. Shivaramkaranth Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560077. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'PUNITA' to "PUNITA ANAND"** vide Affidavit dated 14.10.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRISTIYANA**, Daughter of No. 6539366, Rank Ex L/NK, Name Late A Periya Nayagam, Residing at H.No. 65, 1st Floor, 2nd Stage, K R Garden, Jeevanahalli, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name from **SRISTIYANA to CHRISTINA SUGANTHI PILLAI.** Both names are one and the same and belongs to me. And my D.O.B 17th February 1962, vide affidavit Dated 11/10/2023, Sworn before Notary C.Santhosh, Bangalore-33.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. SANGALPA GANESH .B**, Aged about 42 years, W/o. Ganesh A.G, Residing at B 905, Sy.No. 5/1C and 7, Concorde Spring Meadows, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Chikkasandra, Bangalore - 560 057, do hereby declare that **SANGALPA GANESH** and **SANGALPA GANESH .B** are one and the same belongs to the same person i.e., my self and they are not different person. In my future correspondence and communication my name will be known as **SANGALPA GANESH .B** for further transactions and legal correspondence. Vide affidavit dated A.S. Narayana Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMA MOORTHY R**, Army No.Jc 413779N, Rank, Subedar, Resident at Kangar Seval, Taluk Vembakottai, Tamil Nadu, Do hereby Solemnly affirm that my father's Name is **RAJENDRAN G** & date of birth is 13-05-1940 as per Aadhaar but in my Army Service Records It is erroneously mentioned as **G RAJENDRAN** and Date of birth as 01-05-1948. Both the names belongs to my father, Hence forth his name will be **RAJENDRAN G** only in all Records vide affidavit dated 13-10-2023 Sworn to before Advocate and Notary KUNDAN BABU M. Bangalore

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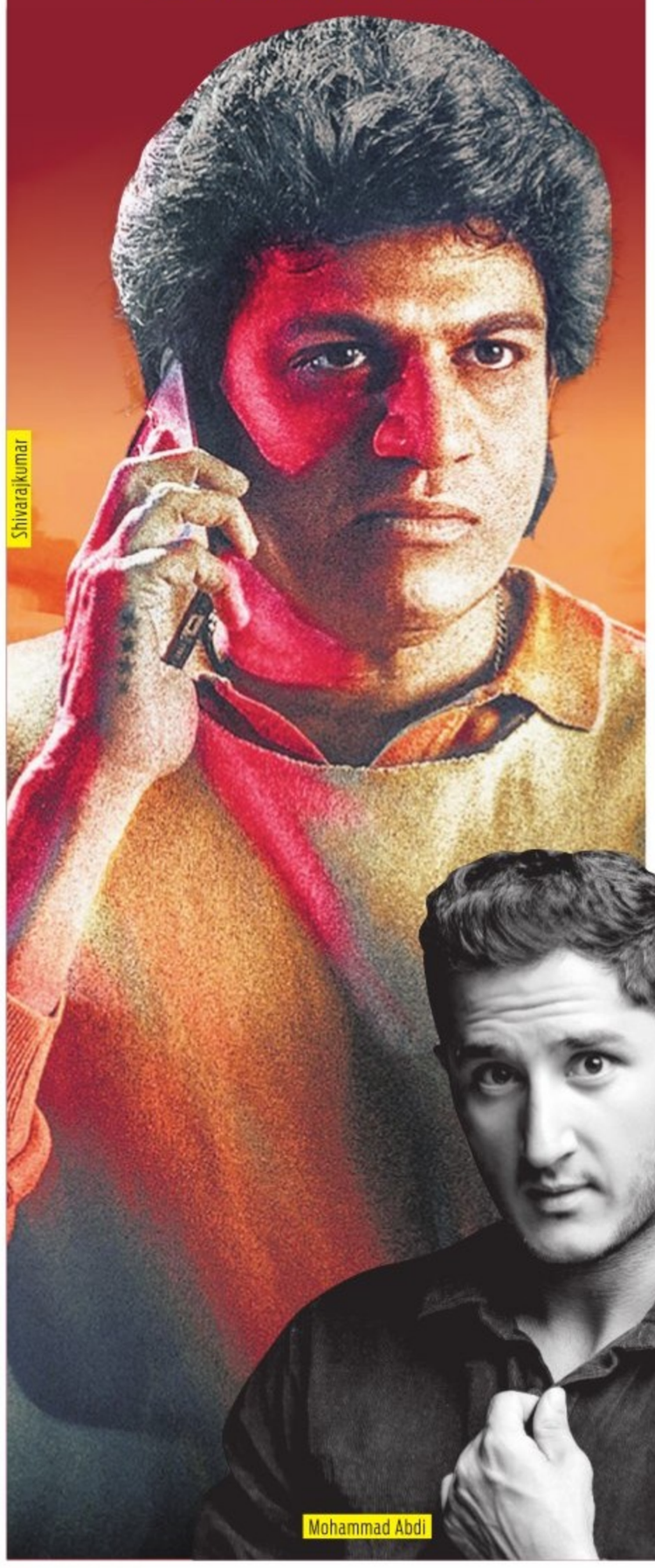
VFX supervisor Mohammad Abdi shares his experience of working on Shivarajkumar's upcoming heist thriller, and how technology-driven visual effects played a role

'VISUAL EFFECTS ARE INTEGRAL TO *GHOST*'



A SHARADHAA

THE much-anticipated *Ghost* has ignited a palpable excitement among movie enthusiasts ahead of its release this week. Apart from the combination of Srini and Shivarajkumar, and a heist narrative, the film boasts an ensemble cast featuring veteran actors like Jayaram and Anupam Kher in their Kannada debuts. The film also stars Prashanth Nayak and Archana Jois in pivotal roles. However, what sets *Ghost* apart is the key role played by technology-driven visual effects.

In an exclusive interview, Mohammad Abdi, the VFX Supervisor, based in Tehran, provides a glimpse into his experience of working on this visually captivating project.

Excerpts:

How did you approach the process of de-aging Shivarajkumar's character in the film?

We initiated the de-aging process by sourcing vintage images of Shivarajkumar from old albums and films. In the initial stages, we meticulously restored these images and then performed a detailed scan of the actor's facial texture. Subsequently, we transformed this data into a 3D model, serving as the foundation for our work. Every shot posed unique challenges, demanding various methods to restore and reconstruct the actor's youthful visage.

Can you share insights into the techniques used to create the effects that play a significant role in the visual storytelling for *Ghost*?

Visual effects are integral to *Ghost* to the extent that their absence would have compromised the film's narrative. For example, the character of the Mouse in the prison was a pivotal element of the screenplay and presented one of our most complex challenges. The prison itself was meticulously designed and constructed in 3D, with numerous scenes requiring recreation to maintain the film's integrity. Moments such as the fiery Ferris wheel and the car crash with a tree, where eerie corpses hung, were indispensable components of the storyline, necessitating meticulous recreation.

What were some of the unique challenges you faced in bringing an essence of suspense and intrigue to the film through your visual effects work?

The foremost challenge for the ASOO VFX team in executing this project was the sheer volume of shots, each accompanied by its own distinct set of complexities that kept the team thoroughly engaged. A significant hurdle was the comprehensive 3D design of the extensive and intricately detailed prison setting, within which a substantial portion of the film's events unfolded. We had the arduous task of bringing Srini's vision to life by aligning all recorded scenes with the 3D prison, making it a demanding feat.

Could you discuss the collaborative efforts between the VFX team and the director Srini, or other departments, to ensure that the visual effects are seamlessly integrated with the overall storytelling and atmosphere of the movie?

From the outset, our VFX team held several meetings with the director, during which he conveyed his screenplay and conceptual ideas. In return, we offered our own suggestions to the director. He readily embraced these suggestions, kickstarting the production process. The strong collaborative relationship established between our team, the director, and the producer played a pivotal role in advancing the project, ensuring a harmonious integration of visual effects with the film's overall storytelling and atmosphere.

Prajwal Devaraj's 40th film to be helmed by Gurudatha Ganiga

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PRAJWAL Devaraj, who has been juggling between a couple of interesting films, has given the green light to his 40th project. This actor is set to join hands with *Ambi Ning Vyasaytho* director Gurudatha Ganiga. The announcement of this collaboration coincided with the commencement of the Dasara festivities, and it was accompanied by a visually captivating poster that carried profound symbolism.

The poster prominently featured a colossal buffalo, subtly alluding to the age-old notion that mankind can control nature. However, it's a theme that has been proven wrong time and again, and we see the mighty buffalo charging towards the actor, who valiantly attempts to assert his dominance with nothing but his bare hands.

Gurudatha shares that the film will be set in the traditional coastal landscape of Nagarkanda, and the storyline will explore a human-animal conflict. The director, who got his first big break in 2018 with *Ambi Ning Vyasaytho*, starring Ambareesh and Sudeep, is taking measured steps to ensure his second directorial venture is nothing short of unique.

Prajwal Devaraj, who has recently wrapped up his commitments for *Mafia*, *Gana*, and an untitled project, plans to commence shooting for his next, which will be helmed by Kalai Master. He will start working on Gurudatha's project, which in all likelihood will go on floors in January 2024. Apart from directorial responsibilities, Gurudatha Ganiga is also taking the role of a producer alongside VK Films. The music will be composed by Sachin Basrur, while Abhimanyu Sadanandan will be the film's cinematographer.

The film's first-look poster teases a story about human-animal conflict

Matthew Vaughn to work on *Kingsman 3* & *Kick-Ass reboot* next

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DIRECTOR Matthew Vaughn is currently busy doing the promotional rounds for his upcoming film *Argylle*. Meanwhile, Vaughn has confirmed that the long delayed Kingsman 3, subtitled The Blue Blood, will start filming in early 2024. The third installment in the *Kingsman* franchise has been in development since the 2017 sequel, *Kingsman: The Golden Circle*. However, due to the poor reception of the prequel film *The King's Man*, development on a third entry to the franchise was put on hold. The filmmaker also confirmed that he is also working on a reboot of the *Kick-Ass films*. The upcoming film will feature a completely new set of characters.

Matthew Vaughn's *Argylle*, is currently scheduled to release on February 2, 2024.

Blink merges the realms of both stage and cinema: Srinidhi Bengaluru

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BLINK is not your typical film, it has a touch of science, said *Dia* and *Dasara* actor Dheekshith Shetty at the launch of the second song from the film. "The response to the initial track release had been quite favourable. Now, we are presenting the heartwarming melody *Sakhiye*."

Director Srinidhi Bengaluru, speaking about his dream of creating a film that merges the realms of both stage and cinema, mentions that the film has come to life with the support of friends and the theater community. "Although *Blink* is tailored for the middle-class audience, it will be full of surprises. The film isn't a typical science fiction genre piece; it showcases how unforeseen events can transform the world of a middle-class boy."

Actor Mandara Battalahalli, who plays the female lead, said, "I take on the role of an everyday girl in this science fiction film. I believe that Blink, much like *Lucia*, *Bell Bottom*, and *Rangitaranga*, would bring about a cinematic revolution."

Blink produced by Ravi chandra AJ also features Chaithra J Achar, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, Suresh Anagalli, Vajradhan in significant roles. Avinasha Shastry and Prasanna Kumar are handling the cinematography and music, respectively.

Chaithra Achar

Mandara and Deekshit Shetty

Deepika Padukone's character poster from *Singham Again* out

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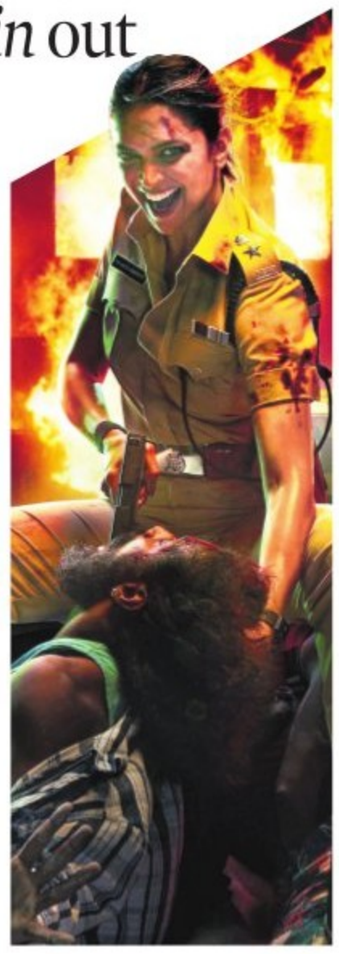
THE makers of the Rohit Shetty directorial *Singham Again* released Deepika Padukone's character poster from the film, on Sunday. The Pathaan actor is seen as the fierce cop, Shakthi Shetty, with a gun in her hand, a bruise on her forehead and a maniacal smile on her face. In another poster, she is also seen sitting on multiple criminals as she aims her gun at one of them. Starring Ajay Devgn in the lead, the film also stars Ranveer Singh, who was a part of Rohit Shetty's Simmba. He will be reprising his role as Inspector Sangram Bhalerao in *Singham Again*. The film's cast also includes Akshay Kumar and Kareena Kapoor.

The upcoming actioner is the third film in the Ajay Devgn-led *Singham* series, which started with 2011's Singham and was followed by Singham Returns (2014), which also starred Kareena. The film will mark the first collaboration between Kareena Kapoor and Ranveer Singh.

Singham Again is slated to hit theatres on August 15, 2024.